

MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

SESSIONS, IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

AT

ANDERSON C. H., S. CAROLINA,

OCTOBER, 1853.

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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MINUTES.

FIRST SESSION.

ANDERSON C. H., So. Ca. }
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1853. }

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Anderson C. H., Nov. 16, 1853, at 7 o'clock, P. M.; and at the request of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. B. M. Smith of the Synod of Virginia, from Rom. 1: 14; "I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise." Constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D. Upon calling the roll the following members were found to be

PRESENT:

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—A. W. Ross, J. Hillhouse, A. D. Montgomery, W. Carlile, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, J. F. Gibert, W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, T. L. McBride, C. B. Stewart, Z. L. Holmes, S. S. Gailard, J. C. Williams, Jos. Gibert, J. B. Hillhouse, R. H. Reid, D. Wills, A. A. Morse, J. J. Boozer, J. N. Cowan.

Elders.—Jacob Belotte, Mt. Zion; J. J. McLees, Roberts; R. H. Wardlaw, Upper Long Cane; James Erskine, Midway; T. G. Boggs, Carmel; A. W. Peden, Fairview; J. W. Norris, Pickens C. H.; Samuel Austin, Friendship; R. Gilliland, New Harmony; George Boozer, Smyrna; James Gillam, Rock; J. P. Hillhouse, Greenville C. H.; James Cowan, Greenville, Dr. A. Walker, Providence; S. N. Evins, Nazareth; Dr. J. W. Simpson, Laurens C. H.; R. C. Harkness, Little Mountain; Dr. J. P. Watts, Liberty Spring; W. McCaslan, Hopewell; L. A. Baker, Good Hope; Dr. N. Harris, Willington; Hon. J. N. Whitner, Anderson; W. H. Simpson, Little River.

MINUTES OF THE

Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—P. E. Bishop, J. L. R. Davies, J. M. H. Adams, Wm. Banks, A. W. Miller, A. A. James, J. E. White, J. R. Baird, J. M. Anderson, L. W. Curtis, A. Enloe, James Douglass, W. J. McCormick.

Elders.—A. A. McKenzie, Bethel; James Moore, Bethesda; W. Wylie, Hopewell; J. M. Ross, Yorkville; J. S. Agnew, Catholic and Pleasant Grove; J. S. Chambers, Fishing Creek; B. Kennedy, Fairforest; A. Walker, Purity; J. S. Barnett, Ebenezer; J. H. Miller, Concord and Mt. Olivet.

Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—W. Brearly, W. M. Reid, M. D. Fraser, G. C. Gregg, J. A. Wallace, S. H. Hay, W. W. Wilson, E. P. Palmer, A. L. Crawford, W. H. Singletary, G. W. Boggs.

Elders.—W. E. James, Darlington; C. Perkins, Hephzibah and Pinetree; J. Bookman, Horeb; J. R. Aiken, Scion; M. P. Mayes, Salem, (Black River;) John Rosser, Camden; James McCutchen, Indiantown.

Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—A. W. Leland, D. D., Edw'd. Palmer, Geo. Howe, D. D., Thos. Smyth, D. D., John Douglas, B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. L. Girardeau, W. Baird.

Elders.—Edward Freer, James Island; W. Harral, Glebe-street; A. L. Kline, Columbia.

ABSENT:

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—D. Humphreys, P. H. Folker, J. McKittrick, John McLees, W. B. Telford, S. Donnelly.

Churches.—Varenes, Broadway, Lebanon, Bethel, Retreat, Richland, Bethel, Nazareth, (B. D.,) Mt. Tabor, Antioch, Hopewell, (Keowee,) Rocky Spring, Duncan's Creek, Rocky River, Avaleigh, Bethany, Spartanburg C. H., North Pacolet, Mt. Calvary, Warrior's Creek, Bethesda, Mt. Bethel.

Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—S. L. Watson, W. B. Davies, J. H. Saye, J. R. Gil-land.

Churches.—Beersheba, Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Unionville, Cedar Shoal, Shiloh, Salem, Unity.

Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—John Harrington, T. R. English, J. L. Wilson, P. Pier-son, D. McQueen, Joseph Brown, J. C. Coit, A. Bui, D. E. Frierson, S. S. Davis, D. D., T. A. Hoyt, A. E. Chandler, A. D. Campbell.

Churches.—Mt. Zion, Midway, Sumterville and Concord, Hope-
well, Cheraw, Little Pedee, Marion C. H., Williamsburg, Liberty
Hill, Bishopville, Brewington and Harmony, Great Pedee, Reedy
Creek, Salem, (L. R.,) and Lebanon, Beaver Creek, Carolina, Aim-
well, Pisgah, White Oak, Lynchburg.

Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—W. S. Lee, R. Post, D. D., J. B. Adger, J. L. Merrick,
W. C. Howard, J. S. K. Legare, W. B. Yates, J. H. Thornwell, D. D.,
W. C. Dana, Ferdinand Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., T. H. Le-
gare, J. L. Bartlett, D. Ball, J. B. Dunwoody, W. L. Hughes, D. X.
Lafar, A. F. Dickson, E. Cater.

Churches.—Bethel, 2d Church, Charleston, Central Church, Charles-
ton, Orangeburg, Wilton, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Beech Is-
land, Barnwell.

Upon completing the roll, Rev. George Howe, D. D., was chosen
Moderator, and Rev. G. C. Gregg, temporary Clerk.

Rev. B. M. Smith, of the Synod of Virginia, Rev. J. J. Bonner, of
the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and Rev. S. H. Brown,
of the M. E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as correspond-
ing members.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That during these sessions, Synod should meet at 9
o'clock, in the morning, and sit till 1 o'clock, P. M.; and should have
a recess from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, and that half an
hour should be spent in devotional exercises at the opening of each
day's session.

Synod then adjourned with prayer, to meet in the Presbyterian
Church to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, Nov. 17, 1853. }
 9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and in accordance with the resolution adopted last evening, spent a half hour in devotional exercises. The roll was then called, and the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Absentees from the last meeting were called upon for their excuses; also, the Churches which were not represented. These excuses were severally sustained, excepting those of the Churches of Good Hope, Carmel, Hopewell, Friendship, Laurens C. H., Avaleigh, Smyrna, and Gilder's Creek, of the South Carolina Presbytery; and of the Churches of Bishopville, Williamsburg, Indiantown, Hephzibah and Pinetree, of Harmony Presbytery.

Letters were received from Rev. Messrs. T. R. English, S. L. Watson, and F. Jacobs, rendering excuses for absence from present meeting, which were all sustained. An excuse was also rendered in behalf of the Williamsburg Church, for absence from present sessions, which was sustained.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Bills and Overtures.—Thomas Smyth, D. D., A. W. Ross, P. E. Bishop, Ministers; R. H. Wardlaw, and W. Wylie, Elders.

Judicial Committee.—A. W. Leland, D. D., E. T. Buist, Edward Palmer, Ministers; Hon. J. N. Whitner, W. E. James, Elders.

Financial Committee.—J. R. Aiken, W. Harral, and A. Walker, Elders.

On the Narrative.—W. Banks, J. L. Girardeau, Ministers; Dr. J. P. Watts, Elder.

Minutes of Assembly.—A. D. Montgomery, J. A. Wallace, Ministers; John Rosser, Elder.

Records of South Carolina Presbytery.—W. Brearly, J. M. H. Adams, Ministers; M. P. Mayes, Elder.

Records of Bethel Presbytery.—J. L. Kennedy, W. M. Reid, Ministers; Edward Freer, Elder.

Records of Harmony Presbytery.—J. L. R. Davies, John Douglas, Ministers; Dr. J. W. Simpson, Elder.

Records of Charleston Presbytery.—W. H. Davis, M. D. Fraser, Ministers; James Gillam, Elder.

Religious Exercises.—A. A. Morse, R. H. Reid, Ministers; J. N. Whitner, Elder.

It was made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, to receive the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

The bill for printing the Minutes of Synod was rendered, and referred to the Financial Committee.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Thomas Smyth, D. D., E. T. Buist, P. E. Bishop, W. Brearly, Ministers, with J. N. Whitner, J. M. Ross, W. E. James.

Rev. J. C. Chalmers of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. B. M. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, designing to bring his agency before the Synod, a special Committee was appointed to confer with him relative to the interests of this Board, viz: E. T. Buist, J. R. Baird, J. A. Wallace, Edward Palmer, Ministers; James Gillam, J. S. Chambers, John Rosser, W. Harral, Elders.

Synod then suspended its business to attend upon public preaching; at the close of which, took recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Mr. A. Williams, Ruling Elder, from Broadway Church, appeared and rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

The special order was taken up, to wit: the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, which were read, and the former were referred to the Committee on the Narrative. The Statistical Reports are as follows:

The Presbytery of South Carolina report to the Synod of South Carolina: That they consist of 25 Ministers; and have under their care 47 Churches, one licentiate, and three candidates. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. E. F. Hyde and Liberty Spring Church, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Chickasaw, (Miss.) They have also dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. W. B. Telford and Avaleigh, Smyrna, and Gilder's Creek Churches, and installed him Pastor of Avaleigh Church. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. R. H. Reid and the Church at Anderson C. H., and installed him Pastor of Nazareth

Church. They have ordained J. I. Boozer, and installed him Pastor of Hopewell Church; they have also, ordained A. A. Morse as an Evangelist, and have licensed J. N. Cowan to preach the Gospel. They have received Rev. S. Donnelly from Harmony Presbytery, and dismissed Rev. John McKittrick to join Flint River Presbytery, (Geò.); and that Rev. Hugh Dickson has departed this life.

The Presbytery of Harmony report: That they consist of 24 Ministers, 30 Churches, and have under their care, 3 candidates for the ministry. They have licensed to preach the Gospel, W. J. McCormick, and R. A. Mickle; and have dismissed W. J. McCormick, to put himself under the care of Bethel Presbytery, and R. A. Mickle to put himself under the care of Charleston Presbytery. They have organized a Church in Williamsburg District, under the name of White Oak, and another in Sumter District, under the name of Lynchburg. They have received Rev. W. H. Singletary from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, and Rev. G. W. Boggs from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee; and have dismissed Rev. S. Donnelly, to the Presbytery of South Carolina, Rev. E. Cater, to the Presbytery of Charleston, and Rev. S. S. Davis, D. D., to the Presbytery of Hopewell. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. A. L. Crawford and Beaver Creek Church, and have constituted the Pastoral relation between Rev. E. P. Palmer and the Churches of Lebanon and Salem, (Little River.)

The Presbytery of Bethel report to Synod: That they consist of 17 Ministers and 23 Churches, and have under their care 1 candidate. Of their Ministers, 9 are Pastors, 3 are stated supplies, 2 have been preaching to the colored people, 1 is a non-resident, being a Professor in Davidson College, and 2 are without charge, being in feeble health. Of their Churches only 12 sustain the Pastoral relation, 7 have stated supplies, and 4 are vacant. They have ordained and installed James Douglass Pastor of the Churches of Waxhaw and Lancasterville; they have received Wm. J. McCormick from the Presbytery of Harmony, ordained and installed him Pastor of Concord and Mt. Olivet Churches, and have dismissed Rev. Wm. T. Savage, to join the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

The Presbytery of Charleston report: That they consist of 24 Ministers, have under their care 4 licentiates, and 8 candidates; also under their care 11 Churches. The James Island Church, which has hitherto existed in a separate and independent form having declared its adherence to the Presbyterian Church has been taken un-

der our care; have received the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and installed him Pastor of the Glebe-street Church, Charleston; have received the Rev. E. Cater, from Harmony Presbytery, S. C., and Rev. W. Baird, from Hopewell Presbytery, Ga.; dismissed the Rev. Geo. Sheldon to join the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, N. J.; the Rev. J. L. Merrick, to join the Presbytery of ———, Mass., and Rev. D. Ball, M. D., to join the Canton Presbytery, China; have also, dismissed the Licentiates, Mr. R. K. Porter, to the care of Hopewell Presbytery, Ga., and Mr. J. T. Waite, to the care of Georgia Presbytery, and dissolved the Pastoral relation of Rev. J. L. Girardeau, with the Wilton Church, and he has accepted a call to the Anson-street Church.

The Rev. William L. Hughes departed this life in October last.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University was presented and read; in connection with which, the report of the Committee on the South Carolina Endowment in this Institution was read, and both documents were referred to a special Committee, consisting of J. L. Kennedy, W. Baird, S. H. Hay, Ministers, with Geo. Boozer, Charles Perkins, Elders.

It was made the order of the day for Saturday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to hear the Annual Report on Foreign Missions.

It was resolved that Synod hold its next regular meeting in the Central Church, Charleston, on the Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter, on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, reported that they had not prepared the paper, and begged to be discharged; which request was granted.

Rev. A. Rice, of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Messrs. S. Donnelly, John McLees, T. A. Hoyt, W. B. Telford, J. B. Adger, Mr. James Thompson, Elder of Liberty Hill Church, and Dr. J. F. Livingston, Ruling Elder of Lebanon Church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Rev. J. McLees also rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from previous meeting.

It was made the special order for Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the discourse on the support of the Ministry.

The Committee on the Digest of Decisions of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, not being prepared to submit such a Digest, was continued with instructions to report at the next meeting of Synod.

A Communication from the Assembly's Board of Education was read, and put on the docket, to be taken up with the reports of the Synod's Committee on Education.

A communication was received from the Synod of Georgia, in relation to the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the same. Also, a communication from the Synod of Georgia, in relation to Oglethorpe University, which was referred to the Committee on the same.

Synod then had a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met after recess and heard an address from Rev. B. M. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, on the subject of the interests of the Board.

After which, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Nov. 18, 1853. }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

On motion, the calling of the roll at the opening of the morning sessions was dispensed with.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The Committee report the following assessment on the respective Presbyteries for defraying the expenses incurred in printing the records of Synod in 1852, and for other purposes:

South Carolina Presbytery,	-	-	-	\$32 00
Bethel	"	-	-	24 00
Harmony	"	-	-	30 00
Charleston	"	-	-	28 00

\$114 00

Synod receded from business until 11 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met after recess and heard the discourse of Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., on the subject of Ministerial support previously assigned.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to Rev. Dr. Palmer, for the Discourse delivered on Ministerial support, and that a copy be requested for publication in the Southern Presbyterian Review, and that three thousand copies be printed at the expense of Synod.

B. M. Palmer, D. D., and Elders J. N. Whitner, and R. H. Wardlaw, were appointed a Committee to bring in a minute on the subject presented in Dr. Palmer's Discourse.

The Special Committee, to which was referred the report of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented a report, which was accepted and placed on the docket.

The election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was made the first order of the day, for to-morrow morning, after the devotional exercises.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

Dr. Thompson, Ruling Elder, from Varennes Church, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for being tardy.

The Committee appointed to confer with Rev. B. M. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, on the subject of his agency, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, to wit:

The Committee report that they have had a free and full conference with the Secretary of the Board of Publication, and are much gratified to learn the very prosperous condition of its affairs.

The value of this Board is very great, and its influence silent, but powerful and enduring. It is doing a great work in supplying our Church and country with a pure and healthful religious literature. The system of Colportage is proving a most valuable agency in disseminating everywhere its books; and a body of efficient Colporteurs

is greatly needed in our bounds, we therefore, recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod cherish this Board as one of the great instrumentalities of doing good in our Church.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three, residing in some central portion of the State, as Columbia or Charleston, be appointed to superintend and conduct the work of Colportage in our bounds, in connection with the Board, not as a substitute, but auxiliary to the measures recently taken in several of our Presbyteries to carry on this work.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to the Churches to take up, annually, collections for this as for the other Boards of the Church; and that it be recommended to the Presbyteries to adopt measures to secure this object and report their diligence therein to the Synod.

The following Committee was appointed under the second Resolution recorded above, viz: Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick, Dr. R. Post, and Mr. William Harral.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which report of the Special Committee was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, report that they have examined the same, and recommend its publication in the Appendix to the Minutes, and the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. The Synod is gratified to hear of the present encouraging state of the funds, and of their increase during the last year, by the realization of the liberal and augmented scholarship founded by the late Mrs. Timothy.

2. This Synod would re-affirm the Resolution of the last Synod, authorizing the Board, notwithstanding the increased expensiveness of the building, to go forward immediately in the completion of the new and very commodious wing for the accommodation of students, which they believe will be found superior, in its internal arrangements, to any other in the country; and also, in the erection of a second and corresponding wing. These, together, will accommodate forty-eight students in single rooms, besides the rooms in the present building, and as there are now nearly forty students present or expected in the Seminary, it may be reasonably hoped that before long they may both be filled.

Towards the payment of the wing, now nearly finished, the last Synod appropriated the Simmons bequest of \$5000, the outstanding and uncollected subscription of \$7,852; and towards the erection of the second, Mrs. William Law, of Columbia, has given the sum of \$5000, so that with suitable efforts in collecting the debt, but little, if any debt, would be created. In view of the generosity of these two ladies, it is further resolved, that these two wings shall be called respectively, the Simmons and the Law Hall.

3. Whereas, the liberality and the enterprise of the Church, in other portions of the Church, have made it essential to the character of a complete Theological Seminary to have a Library and Chapel building, four Professors, and a full Library, it is resolved, that this Synod will aim as speedily as possible to secure these buildings, to endow with what is now in hands, a fourth Professorship, and to provide for the present and prospective enlargement of the Library,—they would hold these out to the benevolence of individuals and of our Churches as most important and necessary to the full success of the institution; and they would request the Board, through the agents now appointed, or others to be hereafter appointed, to bring these objects to the attention of the Synods of Alabama, Mississippi, and of other South-western Synods.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod proceed during the present sessions, to the election of a Professor to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. McGill.

5. *Resolved*, That while this Synod is deeply sensible of the inconvenience and difficulty found in the present mode of electing Professors, nevertheless as the Synod of Georgia, is not now prepared to consider any different plan, this Synod will not urge upon them any change.

Synod had a recess until after public worship this evening.

Synod met after recess.

Rev. William Mullinix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee previously appointed to draught a plan for such an organization as would secure aid to indigent Ministers, infirm or superannuated, and to the families of deceased Ministers, requiring aid, reported a plan for the organization of a society without the Synod; whereupon, Synod had a recess for the purpose indicated in the report of the Committee.

Synod met after recess, when leave of absence was granted to C. B. Stuart, W. McCaslan, James Cowan, and Samuel Austin.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Nov. 19, 1853. }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D., of the Baptist Church, and Rev. J. S. Pressley, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Dr. J. H. Hillhouse, Elder, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this day.

The special order was taken up, to wit: the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which resulted as follows: S. Donnelly, E. T. Buist, W. M. Reid, S. H. Hay, Ministers; Hon. J. N. Whitner, T. C. Perrin, Dr. E. R. Calhoun, Elders; together with Professor R. T. Brumby, to fill out the unexpired term of G. T. Snowden, deceased.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the report of the Board of Trustees of the Oglethorpe University, and the report of Synod's Committee on the South Carolina Endowment in this Institution, presented the following report:

The Special Committee to whom were referred the Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Oglethorpe University, and that of the Oglethorpe Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

That Synod is much gratified to hear of the onward and useful course of the cherished University of our churches, as shown by its Trustees, and your Committee would recommend that their Report be printed in the Appendix of our Minutes.

In regard to the Report of the Oglethorpe Committee, we would offer the following Resolutions to be printed in our Minutes:

Resolved, 1st, That the thanks of Synod be given to the brethren of that Committee for their persevering attention, toils, and success,

gratuitously rendered for securing the honor of our Body, by consummating a task most arduous, and thus redeeming our pledge.

Resolved, 2d, That A. Crawford, J. S. Scott, and Dr. R. T. Brumby, be an Investing Committee, who shall hold all bonds and certificates of stock, and receive all monies which the Committee of Synod, on the Endowment of the South Carolina Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, may from time to time, place in their hands, and shall invest the same according to their wisdom, which Committee shall report annually to this Synod.

Resolved, 3d, That the same Oglethorpe Committee of Synod be continued, and requested to retain all notes and subscriptions on said Endowment, and collect the same as they may be able.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overtures 1, 2, 3, 4, which were placed on the docket.

The announcement being made to Synod of the formation of a Society to provide a fund for the relief of infirm and indigent Ministers and the families of deceased ministers, it was

Resolved, That the names of the officers of this Society, with their Post Office address, be published for standing notice in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The special order for 11 o'clock was taken up, when the annual report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was read and accepted, and together with the Treasurer's Account, referred to a Select Committee consisting of J. M. H. Adams, W. B. Telford, Ministers, with Dr. J. P. Watts, and Charles Perkins, Elders. Recess was then taken for ten minutes, when Synod again convened and listened to a discourse on Foreign Missions by the Rev. W. Banks.

Messrs. R. Gilliland, James Moore, and R. C. Harkness, obtained leave of absence after this evening's session. Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Mr. Josiah E. Smith, Elder from Hopewell, (Keowee,) appeared, and assigning satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Reports were made by Committees on the Records of Bethel and Harmony, and South Carolina, and Charleston Presbyteries, recommending their approval, which were adopted.

A report from the Synod's Committee of Education was presented and read, and referred, together with the Circular from the Assembly's Board of Education, to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. S. H. Hay, and Mr. J. S. Barnet.

Overture No. 1, making inquiry whether, when two or more congregations have separately called the same Minister as Pastor and he is installed over them, these congregations shall have two Elders to represent them, was taken up, and was answered in the negative.

The subject of the election to fill the vacant Chair in the Theological Seminary being taken up, the following paper touching a Chair of Pastoral Theology was presented, to wit:

1. Whereas, this Synod, although fully satisfied of Rev. Dr. Palmer's qualifications for the vacant chair in our Seminary, is unwilling to remove him from the duties of the Pastoral office, and the direct preaching of the Gospel, considering him preëminently qualified for, and very manifestly called of God to that special work;—and, whereas, they consider great regard to be due in the present condition of the 1st Church, Columbia, to its wishes and desires in the premises;—and, whereas, Dr. Palmer has repeatedly expressed his willingness, if his Church will concur heartily in the arrangement, to serve the Seminary by giving gratuitous instruction there in Pastoral Theology and Homiletics, and at the same time, to continue his present relations to his Church;—and, whereas, this Synod believe it is highly desirable that such a Chair should be created in our Seminary, and should be filled by just such a Preacher and just such a Pastor as Dr. Palmer;—and, whereas, this Synod indulge the hope that they will be able immediately, to fill the now vacant chair with another man every way qualified and likely to be altogether acceptable to our sister Synod of Georgia;—and, whereas, this course would, in our view, at once place our Seminary on such a foundation as is necessary to its prosperity:

Therefore *Resolved*, That this Synod would signify to the Synod of Georgia, their readiness and desire to coöperate with that Synod in the creation of such a chair, being confident that the Synod of Georgia (from their respect and esteem for Dr. Palmer,) will approve the course which, in the circumstances, this Synod has thought best to pursue.

2. And, whereas, the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina would, of course, not consent that Dr. Palmer should perform the duties of a fourth chair without suitable remuneration, therefore

Resolved, That in the event of the Synod of Georgia's selecting Dr. Palmer to such a chair, this Synod would desire to coöperate with them immediately, in an effort to raise a fund for his support, and to this end would encourage the Board of Directors to proceed according to their wisdom in affecting this object.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two Ministers and two Elders be appointed by the Moderator, at his leisure, to convey a copy of this Minute to the Synod of Georgia, at its approaching extra meeting, in order to explain to them more fully, the grounds upon which this Synod has adopted the same.

The discussion of the paper was arrested, and the following persons obtained leave of absence, viz: D. Wills, J. S. Thompson, J. S. Agnew, W. H. Simpson, and Dr. Livingston.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

NOVEMBER 21, 1853. }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. The Minutes of the preceding Saturday were read and approved.

Overture No. 4, was taken up, to wit:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Female College of high character under the care of Synod, the subject of which overture, was referred to the following Committee: Hon. J. N. Whitner, E. T. Buist, W. Banks, E. Palmer and J. Rosser.

Overture No. 3, was taken up, viz: That Synod appoint Committees to bring in Minutes relative to the deaths of Rev. H. Dickson and Rev. W. L. Hughes.

Rev. A. W. Ross was appointed to bring in a Minute relative to the death of the former, and Rev. B. M. Palmer to bring in a Minute in relation to the death of the latter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the sermon delivered by Rev. W. Banks, on the subject of Foreign Missions, be requested for publication, and be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, for that purpose.

Rev. J. A. Wallace was appointed to preach the sermon on Foreign Missions at the next meeting, and Rev. E. T. Buist, his alternate.

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Standing Committee on Education and the Circular from the Board of Education, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

1. That the report of the Standing Committee on Education be adopted, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

2. That our Pastors be requested to bring this subject before their several charges and take up an annual collection for it.

The Committee further recommend that the Circular from the Board of Education be placed on the docket.

The members of the present Standing Committee of Synod on Education were re-elected for the next year.

The Election of Directors of Oglethorpe University was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

The Committee on the Narrative presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Narrative would respectfully submit to Synod the following report:

So far as we can ascertain, the Churches, generally, have enjoyed external prosperity. But few have been without the stated means of grace. Peace and harmony prevail. Our congregations, generally, are represented as increasing in size and interest, in devout attention to the preaching of the Gospel, in the support of their Ministers, and in their contributions to the various causes of Christian benevolence. Everywhere there seems to be an increasing desire for the Word of God.

The religious instruction of the colored people in our midst, is an important department in the Gospel field, which, in the Providence of God, seems to be specially entrusted to the Southern Church. In the Presbytery of Harmony, there appears to be no diminution in their fidelity and zeal in prosecuting this good work in which their Churches have been so long and so successfully engaged. While in the Presbyteries of South Carolina and Bethel, the colored people share, in common with the whites, the services of the Sanctuary; in Bethel two Ministers have devoted their entire Sabbath labors to the oral instruction of this class. And in the Presbytery of Charleston, there seems to be a new interest awakened among the Churches on this subject. We are not without hope, therefore, that from this

portion of the great harvest field entrusted to our care, we shall yet be permitted to gather many more sheaves into the garner of our Lord.

Sabbath schools are reported to be in a prosperous condition in most places; and many of our children and youth are here receiving regular instruction in the principles of "the Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ." But we regret to say, that in many places, the religious training of our youth, *in the family*, is too much neglected, in the Catechisms of our Church, which the experience of centuries has proved to be so invaluable, in establishing the minds of the young in the great doctrines of the Word of God, and in the faith and consolations of the Gospel of Christ. It is, however, gratifying to know that in some places family religion is on the increase; and that throughout the entire fields of the Presbyteries of Harmony, Bethel and South Carolina, Colporteurs have been extensively supplying our families with the excellent publications of our Board, many of which cannot fail, under God, to exert a wholesome influence in promoting the great cause of family religion.

On the whole, the state of religion in our bounds is encouraging. However, but few marked or extensive revivals of religion have been reported in our Churches during the year. At one or two points in the South Carolina Presbytery, God has visited the Churches with saving influences from on high, and many precious souls have been gathered, as we trust, into the Kingdom of Christ, and made to rejoice in redeeming mercy. This Presbytery reports an increasing desire, throughout their bounds, for the preaching of the Word, and express the hope that they are in the dawn of a brighter day, when God's saving power and presence may be felt. The Churches in their bounds are thought to be in a more prosperous and healthy state than they have been for many years.

In Bethel Presbytery while there has been no decline in any of the Churches, there have been large additions in a number of Pastoral charges. The increasing liberality in many of their Churches in supporting their Ministers, and in erecting new Churches in destitute and populous neighborhoods, the increasing attention of Ministers to the work of *Pastoral visitation*, and the catechetical instruction of the young with the unusually large numbers that have been added to most of the Churches during the past year, indicate a prosperous state of religion in this small but interesting part of our field.

In the Presbytery of Harmony, where last year, so many Churches were refreshed with showers of Divine Grace, the good work, in many of its features, is still progressing, although fewer conversions are reported. The Churches are walking in the fear of God and in the fellowship of the Saints, and are established in the faith and comfort of the Gospel.

Since the last meeting of Synod the Charleston Union Presbytery and the Presbytery of Charleston, have become united; and Synod would acknowledge, with devout thankfulness to God, the happy consummation of this long-desired union, and now they fondly cherish the hope that the richest blessings of heavenly grace will descend upon these Churches, re-united in ecclesiastical bonds as well as in Christian fellowship and love. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

It is also with thankfulness to God that we observe the prosperous condition of our Theological Seminary, which now bids fair to equal the most sanguine expectations hitherto entertained. With an enlarged number of able and devoted instructors, with a number of students far greater than it has ever had before, with enlarged and comfortable accommodations, and increased facilities for improvement, we hail this cherished Institution as a fountain from which shall flow through all the land streams to gladden the city of our God.

During the year *four* of our Ministers have been removed from us by death. Of these, Rev. Hugh Dickson was the venerable and beloved "father of the South Carolina Presbytery," whose meekness, faith, and perseverance, commend him as an example to us all.

The other three were members of the Charleston Presbytery. Of these, Rev. Wm. L. Hughes was cut off in the prime of life and in the midst of his laborious and useful Ministry, and is now entered, as we trust, into the joy of his Lord. Rev's. Joseph Wallace and Zabdiel Rodgers, through age and increasing infirmities, had for some time retired from the active duties of the Ministry. But they now rest from all their sufferings, and we believe they have been received into "the General Assembly and Church of the first born whose names are written in Heaven."

By these solemn dispensations of Divine Providence, the members of Synod would be admonished that "the places that know *us now* will soon know us no more." Let us, therefore, in returning to our respective charges, *resolve* by Divine Grace, to be more diligently and faithfully engaged in the service of our Lord and Master; and then,

whenever it shall please Him to call *us* home, we shall cease from all our toils, and enter into our rest in Heaven.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report that they find little to bring to the notice of the Synod.

On page 435, are found the following Resolutions in relation to the observance of the Sabbath, which they recommend to be transferred to the Minutes of Synod, for the purpose of a more extended circulation, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath is essential alike to the purity and progress of the Church, and to the prosperity of the State. A Church without the Sabbath is apostate; a people who habitually desecrate this Divine Institution, have abandoned one of the grand foundations of social order and political freedom.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly most earnestly enjoin it upon their Churches, Ministers, and Members, both in their public and private capacity, both by their discipline and their example, to sustain the strict observance of the Holy Sabbath. The Assembly look upon the increasing desecration of this day by the various modes of public conveyance as of a most alarming character, as a manifest abuse of the great temporal prosperity of the country, and as tending to provoke the judgments of God upon the Church and the nation. So far as Christians are connected with the system of Sabbath desecration, by their ownership of stocks or other interests in our railroad or other corporations, there can be no doubt of their duty to protest earnestly and constantly against the violation of the Sabbath, and to use all the influence of their position to arrest this growing evil.

Also, your Committee recommend that the Synod adopt the following Resolutions on the subject of the dearth of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, found on page 453, viz:

Resolved, That the lamentable dearth of candidates for the Ministry in the Church, while the call both from the home and foreign fields is becoming more frequent and pressing, is still a subject of serious alarm, involving great responsibilities in all concerned, and demanding in the most urgent manner, the immediate and particular attention of Ministers, Elders, parents, and pious young men; and the Synod express the opinion that constant and earnest prayer should be made to "the Lord of the harvest," both public and private,

until a gracious answer is given in His Holy Providence ; and that the last Thursday in February next be recommended as a day of *special* prayer and public instruction on this subject, in all the Churches.

Overture No. 2, was taken up, to wit: Should the practice of raising funds for religious purposes, by means of fairs, meet the approbation of Synod?

To which Overture the following answer was returned, viz:

From the evil practices and scandal to which fairs have sometimes given rise and the abuses to which they are liable, this Synod regards them with disapprobation.

The unfinished business of Saturday was taken up, to wit: the paper proposing to secure the services of Dr. Palmer in the Chair of Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary in Columbia.

Pending the discussion of the same the hour for recess arrived.

S. S. Gaillard, J. S. Chambers, and L. A. Baker obtained leave of absence.

Synod had recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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After recess Synod met.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute on the subject of Ministerial support, presented the following, which was accepted and adopted, to wit:

No law is more clearly enacted by Christ the Head of the Church, than that "those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." It is not a law promulgated for the first time under the Christian Dispensation; but is rather an organic law, entering into the very Constitution of the Church of God on earth, from the time a particular order of men was selected for the service of the Sanctuary. It is upon this ground alone that Ministers of the Word venture to receive silver or gold from those who wait upon their Ministry. Yet, while this theoretical claim would pass undisputed among our people, there is, perhaps, no claim which, practically, is more disallowed among them. In all branches of the Christian Church on this broad continent, the inadequacy of Ministerial support is universally confessed and bewailed. In our communion, not only individual Churches, but whole Presbyteries fall under censure; and on every side, we see

our Pastors under the most stringent and cruel necessity of "serving tables" when they would "give themselves wholly to prayer and the Ministry of the Word." How far this grievous delinquency of the Church in withholding the tithes and offerings from God may provoke Him to withhold the laborers whom we pray Him to send into the harvest, and in other ways to inflict upon us that threatened curse, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord, it would be unsafe for man to affirm. Nor is it necessary in this Minute to elaborate arguments, or to enforce appeals, in relation to this subject, since the Synod has just ordered the publication and general distribution of a discourse preached by their appointment, in which the whole ground is covered. It is important through this Minute only to bring the subject forward to the consideration of our Presbyteries, Sessions and Churches. In the exercise therefore of that Ministerial and supervisory power vested in this Court of the Church, this Synod solemnly enjoins, as follows:

1. *Upon Pastors*: That laying aside all false delicacy, they shall enlighten their people upon this, as upon any other branch of Christian duty—pleading not for themselves, but for their Master, if haply they may reclaim their respective charges from a grievous sin, which must bring down God's displeasure.

2. *Upon Sessions*: That upon this Minute being brought before them, they shall solemnly consider whether they and the Church over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers, are not guilty in this matter; and if the salary given to their Pastor is not adequate to free him from worldly care, to ascertain whether this proceeds from their inability to do more, and to see that with proper diligence, conscientiousness and system, they do come up to the full measure of their duty and ability.

3d. *Upon Presbyteries*: That it be a standing order with them, in receiving the Records of Sessions, to make annual inquiry of each Church of its fidelity on this point. Where delinquency may exist, to institute at once Presbyterial visitations, until such remissness may be remedied; and in those cases where the Churches are too feeble to give an honorable maintenance to their Pastors, that measures be taken for their assistance, that there may be equality in some measure at least among the brethren. If so much burdened with feeble Churches that they cannot aid them all, then this inability shall be reported to Synod for a wider and more general equalization; and in

all this, their diligence must be annually embodied in their Narratives to Synod.

Finally, whenever these efforts shall fail to reach every case of hardship, this Synod prays that God's richest blessing and favor may rest upon those faithful men, who, like Paul, make tents for a livelihood while they preach the Gospel without charge; that they may be preserved from a worldly and covetous spirit, and that the power of the Holy Ghost may accompany their ministrations presented under such painful disadvantages.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute in reference to the death of Rev. W. L. Hughes presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

This Synod has just learned with much grief, the death of one of its members, *the Rev. W. L. Hughes*; who fell asleep in Jesus during the month of October last in the bosom of his family and friends, in his native city, Charleston. Our deceased brother entered upon the work of the Ministry, later in life than is usual, and after he had become the head and father of a household. In the year 1845, he assumed the Pastoral care of the Church in Beech Island, where his labors were successfully prosecuted for several years. In the Autumn of 1851, he was induced to resign this charge and to take the oversight of a Missionary Church in the City of Augusta, Ga. Here the wants of a large and increasing family compelled him to open a female school; the labors of which, added to his Ministerial duties, which were still unremittingly fulfilled, did much to enfeeble a constitution naturally hardy, and made him a more easy prey to the malignant disease which speedily assailed him. Six months ago, he was seized with the most acute type of rheumatism, which, pervading his whole frame, stretched him upon the rack of unceasing torture; and after exhausting all the skill and attention of medical advisers, terminated in dropsy, which ended his days. Mr. Hughes enjoyed but partially, the advantages of a college education, and the last years of his early and vigorous manhood were spent in the active employments of the mercantile profession. But so assiduously did he prosecute his studies in the Theological school at Columbia, and so laborious were his preparations for the pulpit, that those early disadvantages were very largely repaired. He was a severe and patient student, while a natural and lively fancy enabled him to speak and write with a facility always attractive to his hearers. He was a man of uncommon resolution and nerve—independent and conscien-

tious in forming his opinions he was uncompromising in maintaining them. Elastic in spirits and free from all morbid tendencies of mind, the eminent consistency both of his character and life, made him every way reliable. His piety was sincere and earnest. Clear in his own religious experience, and assured of his call to the Gospel Ministry, he passed through great difficulties in entering upon it; and pursued his covenanted work through seasons of embarrassment and trial, which would have staggered a man of feebler purpose, or less devoted zeal. He died in joy; triumphing over the last enemy, even when falling beneath his shaft. With the foretaste of Heaven in his soul, on a peaceful Sabbath morning, he entered into the Sabbath of perfect rest, in the temple on High.

To eleven children, the oldest of whom is not yet grown, our brother left no legacy but the remembrance of a father's love, and a name without reproach. It is melancholy to record the death of faithful servants of the Cross, and it seems a dark dispensation of Providence when such are cut down in the zenith of their usefulness. Nevertheless, we are consoled by the thought that all the ends of the Christian Church are answered to such; they have been gathered into her communion and have been trained for the worship of the Sanctuary above; they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. But there is no relief to the sadness of our record, when a dependent and helpless family like this is left to the guardianship of the Church, and she is unprovided for the trust. This Synod, while they cannot refrain from conveying to the widow and orphans of our lamented brother the most affectionate assurances of their sympathy and love, feel that such expressions are almost a mockery, unless substantiated by acts of beneficence. This case comes before us giving sanction to the scheme just initiated for creating an eleemosynary fund. Meanwhile the Church of Christ, as here represented, cannot decline the trust so clearly conveyed by her great Head; who now commits these fatherless ones to her, saying, "Nurse them for me, and I will give thee wages." In default of that fund which has yet to be created, this Synod would endorse the Resolutions recently adopted by the Presbytery of Charleston, expressing their gratitude for what has already been done by the Session of the 2d Church, and by individuals connected with the Glebe-street and other Churches in the City of Charleston; and would earnestly exhort the Christian people of our communion, especially those thrown providentially in contact with this distressed family, to complete that assistance which has

been only begun. Finally, to the God of Providence, who counts the sparrows and clothes the grass of the field, and above all, to the God of Grace who keepeth covenant and showeth mercy, we desire in faith to commend this family of orphans, pleading in their behalf His words who has said, "leave your fatherless ones, and let your widows trust in me."

The following Minute was also adopted, touching the death of the Rev. Hugh Dickson :

The Synod of South Carolina, with profound sorrow, receive the notice and record on the annals of our Church the death of one of our most venerated and long-tried Ministers, the Rev. Hugh Dickson, who departed this life, July 9th, 1853. This lamented Father had laboured faithfully and successfully in the Gospel Ministry for more than half a century, in the congregation of Greenville in Abbeville, where he was first ordained. He was an accurate Theologian, a faithful and laborious Pastor, eminently successful, and highly esteemed in the Churches, and throughout the whole community, and has died universally revered and lamented at the extended age of eighty-one. He has closed a long life of usefulness, and is gone to receive the rich rewards laid up in Heaven for the faithful servants of Christ, who turn many to righteousness.

Synod resumed the unfinished business of the morning, viz: the paper in reference to the Chair of Pastoral Theology in the Seminary in Columbia, when the vote was taken and the paper adopted by the following vote, ayes 46, nays 34.

Ayes—J. Hillhouse, A. D. Montgomery, J. L. Kennedy, T. L. McBryde, Z. L. Holmes, J. B. Hillhouse, A. A. Morse, J. Erskine, J. W. Norris, J. Gillam, Dr. A. Walker, N. Harris, Dr. Thompson, J. G. Smith, P. E. Bishop, J. L. R. Davies, J. M. H. Adams, W. Banks, A. W. Miller, A. A. James, J. M. Anderson, L. W. Curtis, J. Douglass, W. J. McCormick, A. A. McKenzie, W. Wiley, A. Walker, J. S. Barnet, G. H. Miller, G. C. Gregg, J. A. Wallace, S. H. Hay, W. W. Wilson, A. L. Crawford, W. H. Singletary, T. A. Hoyt, C. Perkins, J. McCutchen, J. Douglas, J. L. Girardeau, W. Baird, J. B. Adger, E. Freer, W. Harrel, A. L. Kline, J. S. Agnew.—46.

Nayes—A. W. Ross, W. Carlile, E. T. Buist, J. F. Gibert, W. H. Davis, J. C. Williams, Jos. Gibert, R. H. Reid, J. J. Boozer, S. Donnelly, W. B. Telford, J. McLees, R. H. Wardlaw, T. G. Boggs, A. W. Peden, S. N. Evins, Dr. J. P. Watts, J. N. Whitner, J. E. White, J. R. Baird, A. Enloe, J. M. Ross, W. Brearly, W. M. Reid,

E. P. Palmer, G. W. Boggs, W. E. James, J. Bookman, J. R. Aiken, M. P. Mayes, J. Rosser, A. W. Leland, E. Palmer, T. Smyth.—34.

Rev. Messrs. S. Donnelly, W. H. Davis, E. Cater, D. McQueen, J. B. Adger, and Ruling Elder T. C. Perrin in place of G. T. Snowden, deceased, were elected Directors of Oglethorpe University.

A. Walker obtained leave of absence from the present session.

The election of a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary was made the order of the day for 7 o'clock, this evening.

The following paper was unanimously adopted on the subject of Psalmody:

The action of the last General Assembly on the subject of Psalmody, being brought to notice of Synod—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Presbytery the General Assembly would promote the interests of the Presbyterian Church in this State, by adopting the Resolution found on page 467 of the Minutes of the last General Assembly, and referred, for want of time to consider it, to the next. That Resolution is as follows:

“*Resolved*, That a Committee be now raised for the purpose of preparing an Appendix, or small sized separate volume, of such Psalms and Hymns as may be desired by different portions of our Church, together with all the Psalms in the authorized version, arranged for chanting, so as to form a basis of union with other portions of the Presbyterian Church; and that this Committee report from year to year to this Assembly, until what may be considered a full and complete Book of Psalmody is secured for use in our Churches.”

This proposition is in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Presbytery of Charleston, who appointed a Committee to report upon the defects of the present collection of Psalmody. There are, also, a number of Churches in this State, who are perfectly united with us in doctrinal belief, and are only prevented from Communion, and perhaps, Union, by a difference on the subject of Psalmody; and it is earnestly hoped and with some confidence believed, that the addition of some number of the Psalms found in the metrical version in use among them and in the Churches of Scotland and Ireland, would open up the way for such Communion and Union, both here and in other portions of our Church. There are also Hymns to which many in every portion of our Church are greatly attached, and on several important subjects, which, if added, would very much enhance the value of our collection of Psalmody.

Considerable improvement might also be made, by making the Index to the Psalms and Hymns, both more comprehensive and single, by making the reference uniform either to the page, or to the number of the Psalm and Hymn, by paging the book uniformly throughout, as one volume; by placing the Index at the very end of the volume, and by adding an Index to the passages of Scripture which are embodied in the Hymns.

Resolved further, That this Synod would recommend to Presbyteries to instruct their delegates to the next General Assembly to urge upon that Body the adoption of the overture referred to it, and to secure the improvements herein suggested, in our book of Psalmody.

The following Committee was appointed to overture the Associate Reformed Synod South, with a view to a closer union, viz: T. Smyth, D. D., W. Banks, J. C. Williams, R. H. Wardlaw, J. N. Whitner.

The Committee to whom was committed the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, would report as follows:

There is much in this report to excite the gratitude, and stimulate the zeal of this Synod. We rejoice to note the fact, that there is manifest evidence of a steady increase of interest in our Churches in the cause of Foreign Missions. And especially are we gratified to learn that the contributions of the past year, exceed those of any previous year by so large an amount. Synod would heartily concur with the Committee, in the confidence expressed in the healthful and successful working, in this particular, of our ecclesiastical organization. They have employed no other agency; and none else is needed. The Pastors and other officers of the Church, are the agents divinely appointed for the accomplishment of this great work. But with our conviction on this point, there should be a far deeper sense of the magnitude of the trust committed to us, and a correspondent zeal stimulating our own hearts, and arousing our congregations cordially to coöperate with us in sending the glad tidings of the Grace of God to the heathen world.

And while there are none of us, either individuals, or Churches, who have come up to the full measure of ability and privilege, in discharging our duty, yet Synod most deeply regrets to learn that more than one third of our Churches still report nothing to this cause.

This should not be. There is not a Church within our bounds that should neglect to avail itself of this privilege; not one that should consent to forego the pleasure and advantage.

Synod would be reminded by this report, to prosecute this work with renewed energy, remembering that the work is great, that the time for labour is short, and that the present generation of heathen are hastening with us to the judgment.

Your Committee would submit the following Resolutions :

Resolved, 1st, That the facilities, being furnished in the Providence of God, for a wider dissemination of the Gospel, in connection with the distinct command of our risen Saviour, and the promises and prophecies of His word as to the final triumph of his cause on the earth, render increasingly imperative, the duty of every Minister, Church officer, and member, to engage with greater diligence, self-denial and prayerfulness in the Missionary work.

2. That inasmuch as many of the Churches, reported as delinquent in the discharge of their duty to this good cause, are such as are destitute of Pastors, it be earnestly enjoined on the Sessions of such Churches, that they fail not to present this matter to their congregations, either in person, or to invite some neighbouring Pastor to do so, on their behalf.

3. That at the united suggestion of the Executive Committee and Treasurer, the 15th day of October in each year, be designated, as the period for closing the Treasurer's Account.

4. That this Report be printed in the Appendix to our Minutes.

5. That the same Executive Committee be appointed for another year, with the addition of the names of Drs. R. Post and J. L. Kirkpatrick.

6. That the thanks of Synod be renewedly tendered to James Adger, Esq., for the faithful execution of his trust as Treasurer.

7. That Messrs. J. M. Caldwell and W. C. Dukes be re-appointed as Auditing Committee.

The Circular from the Board of Education was postponed until the next meeting.

Rev. Dr. Smyth presented the following paper, which was adopted, to wit :

The action of the last General Assembly on Theological Seminaries, being brought to the notice of Synod by the Committee on its Minutes, it was unanimously

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod it is of the utmost im-

portance to the best interests of the Presbyterian Church, in the various sections of the United States, that the business introduced into the General Assembly should be limited to those matters which relate to the general concerns and spiritual welfare "of all our Churches." This is necessary in order not to extend the Sessions of that Body to a length inconvenient to its Delegates, and to their Churches who are deprived of their services; in order not to divert the full and careful attention of the General Assembly from those subjects which are essential to the "promotion of charity, truth and holiness, through all the Churches under our care," and represented in this one Body as their highest judicatory and "the bond of union, peace and mutual confidence;" and in order not to bring institutions under its care, which are sectional and can best be managed by the judicatories within whose bounds they are located, and thus occupy much time of the Assembly, create much discussion and tend to foster in that Body divisions and discord without any counterbalancing benefit.

It is, therefore, recommended by this Synod to other Synods throughout our Church, to suggest to our General Assembly to commit the management of our Theological Seminaries to the care of the Synod or Synods, which are more immediately interested in their supervision and support, there being still in the General Assembly the general power of review and control, by which the purity and prosperity of these institutions may be secured.

Resolved further, That this Resolution be sent up as an overture to the General Assembly, at its Sessions in Buffalo next year.

Synod had a recess until 6½ o'clock, P. M.

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Synod met. The Committee appointed to overture the Associate Reformed Synod, South, presented the following report, which was accepted and unanimously adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of conferring with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, in reference to communion or union with this Body, would recommend to this Synod the adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Synod, consisting of Rev. W. Banks, B. M. Palmer, D. D., Rev. Arnold Miller, and Mr. Robert H. Wardlaw, to communicate the action of this Synod

on the subject of Psalmody, to the Moderator of the Associate Reformed Synod, South, and to meet that Body at its next Annual Sessions, and express to it the cordial regards and Christian confidence of this Synod, and our desire to promote communion and still more a perfect union between that Body and our own.

The Committee appointed to report on a Female College was continued.

The following Resolutions were adopted :

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the families in this village, for their kind and generous hospitality towards the members of this Body, and especially, to Mr. Benson, for his generosity in opening his spacious Hotel to our members, generally.

Resolved, 2d, That we gratefully acknowledge the liberal kindness of the several Rail-Road Companies in affording a passage to many of our members for half the usual fare.

Resolved, 3d, That this Synod thankfully acknowledge the Christian kindness of the Ministers of the Methodist and Baptist Churches, in tendering their places of worship to the occupancy of our Ministers, according to the appointments of this Body.

Resolved, finally, That these expressions of thanks be conveyed to the several Bodies designated, by the Minister and Session of the Presbyterian Church, in this place.

Synod then proceeded to the standing order of the evening to wit : the election of a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary, when the vote stood as follows :

B. M. Palmer,.....	23
G. C. Gregg,.....	9
B. M. Smith,.....	47
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Rev. B. M. Smith was, therefore, declared elected, upon which it was moved :

The Rev. B. M. Smith having been duly elected to the Chair now vacant in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, by a majority of this house, it is now unanimously

Resolved, That this Synod unite in the hope that the Synod of Georgia will confirm his election, and that Rev. B. M. Smith will favourably entertain the call thus made upon his services.

The following communication was received from Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., and was ordered to be entered on the Minutes, to wit:

ANDERSON COURT HOUSE, }
Monday Evening, Nov. 21, 1853. }

To the Rev. Moderator of the Synod of South Carolina:

REV. AND DEAR SIR—The Minute adopted this afternoon, overturning the Synod of Georgia to unite with this Body in the creation of a fourth Professorship in the Theological Seminary, meets my hearty approbation, so far as this point is concerned. I must beg leave, however, respectfully, yet peremptorily, to withdraw my name from all connexion with that paper as a candidate for the contemplated Chair. It is impossible for me to enter upon the duties of any office such as the above, under a divided vote, still more as it never was my expectation to render a remunerated and therefore obligatory service to the Institution, but rather a service gratuitous and voluntary, since retaining my Pastoral relations this service could only be partial. With heartfelt thanks to my brethren who have thought me worthy of this mark of their confidence, and with sincere prayers for the welfare of our common Zion,

I am, dear sir, very respectfully and truly

Yours in the Gospel,

B. M. PALMER.

P. S. May I ask the favor of having this Note entered upon the Minutes of the Synod?

On motion, Synod resolved to re-consider the vote adopting the paper touching a fourth Professorship in the Theological Seminary, when said paper was laid on the table.

Synod then adjourned, with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in the Central Church, Charleston, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE HOWE, *Moderator.*

G. C. GREGG, *Temp. Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH-CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

J. H. THORNWELL, D. D., *President.*
REV. S. DONNELLY, *Vice-President.*
B. M. PALMER, D. D., *Secretary.*
ANDREW CRAWFORD, *Treasurer.*

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W. M. REID,
S. H. HAY,
N. HOYT, D. D.
J. S. WILSON, D. D.
J. W. REID,
J. F. LANNEAU.

Laymen.

HON. J. N. WHITNER,
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W. SHEAR.

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N. A. PRATT,
R. CHAMBERLAIN,
I. S. K. AXSON.

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J. K. DOUGLASS,
HON. E. A. NISBET,
HON. H. V. JOHNSON,
BARRINGTON KING.

DIRECTORS FOR ONE YEAR.

JOHN DOUGLAS,
M. D. FRASER,
E. CATER,

J. KNOX,
W. ADGER,
J. A. CRAWFORD,

Ministers.

J. R. GILLAND,
 S. K. TALMAGE, D. D.
 F. BOWMAN, D. D.
 J. C. PATTERSON,
 E. P. ROGERS, D. D.

Laymen.

E. L. NEWTON,
 W. L. MITCHELL,
 G. E. THOMAS.

FACULTY.

GEORGE HOWE, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.
 A. W. LELAND, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.
 Rev. B. M. SMITH, Prof. Elect of Ecclesiastical History and
 Church Polity.
 BAZILE EDWARD LANNEAU, A. B., Tutor in Hebrew.

MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary
 of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Colum-
 bia, S. C., June 28—30, 1853.*

LIBRARY ROOM, THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, }
 Tuesday, June 28, 1853, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, in the Library of the Seminary, at 8 o'clock, P. M. In the absence of the President and Vice President, Rev. M. D. Fraser was called to the Chair, who opened the meeting with prayer.

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found to be present:

Ministers.

J. B. Adger,
 B. M. Palmer,
 J. H. Thornwell,
 John Douglas,
 M. D. Fraser,

Laymen.

John Knox,
 Andrew Crawford.

Ministers.

Edwin Cater,
E. P. Rogers,
S. H. Hay.

Letters were received assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting, in behalf of the following persons:

Ministers.

A. Church, D. D.
N. Hoyt, D. D.
S. K. Talmage, D. D.
J. S. Wilson, D. D.
S. Donnelly,
J. C. Patterson.

Laymen.

W. L. Mitchell,
T. C. Perrin.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick, and Rev. W. Banks, from Presbyterian Education Committee, being present, were invited to sit with the Board.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

Audits.—Messrs. E. Cater, S. Hay, and J. Knox.

Ways and Means.—Messrs. J. B. Adger, J. Douglas, M. D. Fraser, and A. Crawford.

Library.—Messrs. J. Douglas, E. P. Rogers, and S. H. Hay.

Building.—Messrs. E. P. Rogers, J. B. Adger, and E. Cater.

Laws and Regulations.—Messrs. J. H. Thornwell, S. H. Hay, and J. Knox.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was presented and read; which, together with the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee, and a report of Mr. Blake's Agency, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Treasurer's Report, and the Reports of the Investing Committees for the State of South Carolina and Georgia, were all referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Report of the Faculty was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

The Report of the Librarian was read and referred to the Committee on the Library.

And the Report of the Special Building Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Buildings.

The recent decease of Mr. G. T. Snowden, President of the Board, being brought to notice, Messrs. Thornwell, Rogers and Palmer, were appointed a Committee to bring in an appropriate Minute touching the same.

After some conversation upon the general interests of the Seminary, the Board adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. B. Adger, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

LIBRARY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, }
Wednesday, June 29, 8 A. M. }

The Board met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. Cater.

Present, as on last evening.

The Minutes of the preceding Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Audits reported on the papers placed in their hands, that they were found correct; whereupon, they were transferred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Some conversation was had upon the subject of the projected buildings already under contract and in process of erection; during which, a letter was received and read from Rev. Dr. A. T. McGill, resigning his Professorship in this Institution. The Board then recessed from business to attend upon the Examination of the Students.

Several hours being thus spent, the Board resumed its business.

A Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Thornwell, Rogers and Adger, were appointed to frame Resolutions touching Dr. McGill's resignation.

The Committee on Buildings offered their report; pending its discussion, the Board took recess till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met and listened to the examination of the Students until 6 o'clock, when recess was taken till 8 o'clock, P. M.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met. Present as before. A resolution was offered touching the appointment of a Committee to visit the Synods of Alabama and Mississippi, at their next annual meeting, which was placed on the docket.

A free conversation was held as to the vacancy created by Dr. McGill's resignation, the effect of this upon the prosperity of the Institution, and the extent of the Board's powers in the premises; upon which it was finally resolved that Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., be ap-

pointed provisionally to give instruction in the department of Church History and Polity, until such time as the Chair shall be filled by election of the Synods, and the Professor enter upon the active performance of his duties.

Adjourned, with prayer, till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, }
Thursday, June 30, 9 o'clock. }

The Board met, and without being organized, attended upon the examination of the Students. After several hours, retired to the Lecture Room of Dr. Howe, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Rogers.

Present, as at previous meetings.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations submitted their Report, which was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Laws and Regulations, to whom was referred the Report of the Professors of the Seminary, congratulate the Board on the prosperity which attended the Institution during the past year. The number of Students was unusually large, all the departments of instruction were filled, and each Professor, as well as the Tutor in Hebrew, discharged his duty with exemplary fidelity. There was every promise that the Seminary was destined speedily to realize the hopes of its original founders and of all its friends. The resignation of Dr. McGill, who had won golden opinions from all who were brought into contact with him, we cannot but regard as a very serious calamity. He was eminently fitted for this Chair; and we would have been delighted to retain among us so much learning, so much modesty, so much humility, and so much loveliness of personal character, as he confessedly possessed. But great as our loss is, there is no reason for despondency. The Chair will soon be filled again, and the solid advantages of the Seminary require only to be known in order to be appreciated. Amply endowed, with a library of uncommon excellence, surrounded with advantages such as are nowhere else concentrated in a single place at the South, it presents attractions which Theological Students should weigh well and wisely before they turn their feet to other schools. We wish to disparage no other Institutions. We would know nothing but a generous rivalry in accomplishing the ends for which all exist. But it is due to ourselves to insist on the advantages which a kind Providence has given to us.

The Committee are persuaded that this Seminary is as fully equipped for service as any other institution in the land. Its own library, in connection with that of the South Carolina College, to which the Professors of the Seminary have free access, furnishes means and facilities of research and investigation which are found nowhere else. The Chair resigned by Dr. McGill is temporarily supplied by a man whose praise is in all the Churches, and to whose worth no higher tribute could have been paid than his election, by the late Assembly, to a Chair in the infant, but promising, Institution at Danville. The drilling in the departments which are still conducted by the able teachers who have so long had charge of them, is at least equal to what is given in the same departments in other schools. To these considerations must be added others springing from the place, the society, and the influences, religious and literary, which Columbia presents: And when all that ought to be considered is taken into the account, we cannot but feel that, if justice is done us in the minds of candidates for the ministry, the prosperity which has smiled upon us during the past year, will continue to attend us.

The Committee appointed to bring in a report relative to Dr. McGill's resignation, submitted the following, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred Dr. McGill's letter of resignation beg leave to report by recommending the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Dr. McGill's resignation be accepted, and the Chair declared vacant, and that notice be given to the Synod of South Carolina that the election of a successor devolves upon it; and that the Synod of Georgia be solicited to hold an adjourned meeting, for the purpose of taking action upon such election.

2. *Resolved*, That while the Board sincerely regrets the resignation of Dr. McGill, it is constrained in candor to acknowledge the force of the motives which have impelled him to the step. He had become endeared to us, though his sojourn with us was brief, by his rare combination of personal excellences and professional ability; and he carries with him, in his return to old friends, our confidence, our sympathy, and love. We sincerely pray that his health may be restored, and that he may long be spared to bless the Church by his example, his labours and his prayers.

3. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to his order whatever may be due upon his salary—computing from the first of

January last to the close of the present Seminary term, and including a month of services rendered the last term.

4. *Resolved*, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to Dr. McGill.

The following Minute, drafted by the Committee appointed for this purpose, was unanimously adopted, in relation to the death of Mr. Snowden :

It is the melancholy duty of the Board to record the death of its late excellent President, Gilbert T. Snowden. He was among the earliest and steadiest friends of the Seminary, and by his prudent counsels, his skill in the details of business, his liberal benefactions, his disinterested efforts, by his discretion, energy and zeal, contributed very largely to the present prosperous condition of the Institution. The Board owes him a debt of gratitude, which it has no means of paying but by cherishing his memory. One by one the founders of the Seminary are dropping off. At our last meeting, we were called to shed a tear at the grave of Mr. Law; and now, his companion in many and faithful services to the Seminary and Church, demands the tribute of our gratitude and grief. Soon all will have passed away. But the just shall be held in everlasting remembrance. As long as this Seminary remains, there shall not be wanting a monument, more precious than stone and more durable than brass, to the names of such men as Snowden and Law. They were not great in the sense in which the world, full of solecisms, uses the term. But they were great, according to the true standard of excellence; they were rich in faith, full of good works, and gave glory to God. They are gone, but their example lives; and it is for us to imitate their graces, considering the end of their conversation, and to follow them as they followed Christ. They are gone! a great loss to us, but an incalculable gain to themselves; and while we lament our affliction, we would yet say, it is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good. We rejoice to learn that the death of Mr. Snowden was a Christian triumph; and we can hardly permit ourselves to weep, great as our bereavement is, when we consider the glory of his latter end. We can hardly extend the usual condolences to his esteemed widow and surviving relations, when the evidence is so complete that he is absent from the body only to be present with the Lord. We invoke God's blessing upon her and them, and sincerely pray that all of us may "die the death of the righteous, and that our latter end may be like his."

The Committee of Ways and Means made a report concerning the

finances of the Seminary, which was adopted, and ordered to be embodied in the Annual Report of the Board to the Synods.

The Committee on the Library offered the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the Librarian's Report, beg leave to say that they have examined the same, and recommend that it be approved, at the same time expressing the hope that the donations, which have been made by a few individuals in books, may be the means of inciting many others to make similar contributions. They have also examined the Library and find it kept in good order. One thing very much to be regretted is the unfitness of the room at present occupied for a library. There is not space in it for the books; consequently many of them must be kept in one of the recitation rooms, where it is impossible they shall be under the key of the Librarian. If the state of our finances would warrant it, the Committee would recommend the erection of a suitable building: they cannot but express the hope that some effort for this purpose may soon be made. As a temporary expedient, a double row of shelves might be fitted up in the Library, in the middle of the room, as is often done in book stores.

The Special Report of the Committee on Buildings, was taken from the docket, and finally laid upon the table; in consideration of the state of the Treasury, not authorizing the outlay at present necessary to carry forward the suggestions of said report. On motion, the Building Committee to superintend the erection of two new wings, was enlarged by the addition of Rev. Dr. A. W. Leland, and Prof. R. T. Brumby.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee of Ways and Means, the sum of six hundred dollars was fixed as the salary of the Hebrew Tutor for the next year; and, on motion, Mr. B. E. Lanneau was re-elected to fill that situation, at this salary.

An election was held for officers during the ensuing year, resulting as follows:

J. H. THORNWELL, D. D., President.

REV. SAMUEL DONNELLY, Vice President.

B. M. PALMER, D. D., Secretary.

ANDREW CRAWFORD, (Columbia,) Treasurer.

Executive Committee.—B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Charles Beck, Prof. R. T. Brumby, and Col. C. R. Bryce.

Building Committee.—Geo. Howe, D. D., A. W. Leland, D. D., John S. Scott, J. A. Crawford, Charles Beck, and Col. C. R. Bryce.

All the papers requisite for the purpose, were committed to the Secretary, with instructions to digest, at his leisure, the Annual Report of the Board to the Synods.

Took recess till 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, and listened to a discourse from Rev. Dr. Thornwell, in fulfilment of an appointment made by the Board at its last meeting. After which, came to order and resumed business.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick was appointed to deliver the next Annual Discourse, and Rev. E. P. Rogers was chosen his alternate.

On motion, Messrs. B. M. Palmer and J. B. Adger, were appointed to visit the Synods of Alabama and Mississippi, at their next annual meeting, with a view to draw these bodies into closer support and sympathy with this institution.

It was further resolved to submit to the consideration of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, the expediency of changing the present mode of electing the Professors in the Seminary, it being left entirely to the wisdom of the Synods to devise a method which shall secure all the advantages of the present system, without its embarrassments.

The Board having finished its business, adjourned with prayer, to meet on the last Tuesday in June, 1854, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

J. H. THORNWELL, *President.*

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, June 30, 1853.

I. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS PER TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Balance in Treasury from last year,.....	\$1,218 19
Interest and Dividends on old Investments in S. Carolina,	1,918 17

Interest and Dividends on old Investments in Georgia, .	1,978 77
Interest and Dividends on new Investments,	1,957 75
Collections made on new Funds,	777 33
Contributions from South Carolina Presbytery,	7 40
G. T. Snowden's note collected, (old fund)	1,890 38
G. T. Snowden's note collected, (new fund)	1,839 18
Total Receipts,	<hr/> \$11,587 17

Disbursed as follows:

Dr. Leland's salary to July 1, 1853,	\$2,000 00
Dr. Howe's salary to July 1, 1853,	2,000 00
Dr. McGill, on account of salary,	867 00
Mr. Lanneau's salary to July 1, 1853,	500 00
4 Charlotte R. R. Bonds (7 per ct. 500)	2,000 00
Dr. Fair's and Jesse DeBruhl's joint note,	3,000 00
Library, Printing, &c.,	97 75
Insurance on Seminary Buildings, &c.,	232 66
Postage,	1 91
Balance on hand,	887 85
	<hr/> \$11,587 17

II. INVESTMENT OF NEW FUND.

228 Shares Camden Bank Stock,	\$11,575 54
297 Shares Commercial Bank Stock,	8,613 00
32 Shares Charleston Bank Stock,	1,368 00
3 Bonds of Greenville R. R. Company,	1,470 00
Capt. Blair's Legacy, $\frac{1}{3}$ of 100 Shares of Planters' and Merchants' Bank, Baltimore,	833 33
4 Bonds of Charlotte R. R. Company,	2,000 00
Bonds and Notes,	9,160 82

\$35,020 69

Amount of Investments last year,	33,750 25
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Increase of Investments this year,	<hr/> \$1,270 44
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Outstanding Subscriptions and Notes.

In Georgia same as last year,	\$2,741 84
In South Carolina reported last year,	\$5,898 28
Collected this year,	777 33
Total outstanding in both States,	<hr/> \$7,862 79

Upon the faith of this amount still due the Institution, the Board has entered into contract to the amount of \$6,900, for the erection of a new Building, which is designed to accommodate twenty-four Students, to be completed by the first of October, 1853.

III. PERMANENT FUNDS EXCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS.

Invested in South Carolina, same as last year,.....	\$27,339	18
Invested in Georgia, same as last year,.....	28,500	00
Invested in South Carolina, (new fund) as shown above,	35,020	69
Total,	\$90,859	87

IV. SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Lanneau Sholarship,.....	\$2,200	00
2. Congregational and Presbyterian Schol- arship, Charleston,.....	2,250	00
3. Nephew Scholarship, in Georgia,.....	2,500	00
4. Fabian Scholarship, in Georgia,.....	2,500	00
5. Telfair Timothy Scholarship, principal and interest, just received,.....	4,385	50
6. Ellison Legacy (\$525) lost by freshet...		
7. Capt. Blair's Legacy, $\frac{2}{3}$ of 100 Shares Planters' and Merchants' Bank, Bal- timore,	1,666	67
	\$15,502	17
Total of Vested Funds,.....	\$106,362	04

V. CLAIMS UPON THE TREASURY.

Salaries of three Professors,.....	\$6,000	00
Salary of Hebrew Tutor,.....	600	00
Insurance, Contingencies, &c.,.....	350	00
	\$6,950	00

Resources to meet those Claims.

Investments in Georgia, (\$28,590, at 7 per cent,).....	\$1,995	00
Investments in South Carolina, (27,339 at 7 per cent,).....	1,913	00
Investments of New Fund, (\$35,020, at 7 per cent,).....	2,451	00
Balance in the Treasury,.....	887	85
	\$7,246	85

VI. THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian reports an addition of 264 Volumes during the past year. Of these, 96 were purchased; 129 were given by Rev. S. J. Cassells, lately deceased, in liquidation of an old unsettled Note; the remainder received by donation from different individuals. The whole number of Volumes now upon our Shelves is 5,349. Although the proposition to raise a fund for the systematic increase of the Library has not yet been responded to, yet the comparison of several Annual Reports will show a gratifying increase from occasional sources. This gives rise to a new difficulty—the straitness of accommodation for the Volumes we are so fortunate as to possess. The Books have fairly overflowed the shelves of the Library; and some of them are forced to escape the restraint of the Librarian's key in an adjoining room. In the arrangements now making for the better lodging of the Students, some regard should be paid to the public rooms needed in such an Institution. A large selection of books in some departments, hitherto deficient, will soon be one of the most pressing of our wants; and then a spacious and airy building or room will be imperatively demanded.

VII. THE BUILDINGS.

In obedience to the instructions of the Synods, the Board, at a special meeting held in February last, appointed a Building Committee, and authorized them to contract for two wings at a cost not exceeding \$10,000. The sudden rise in the cost of materials, and in the price of labor, compelled this Committee to diminish the scale of their operations, so far as to contract for only one of these buildings at present, at the lowest bid which was offered, to wit: \$6,900. This building, designed to accommodate twenty-four Students, is now in course of erection on the site of one of the small buildings heretofore existing, and is to be finished by the first of October—ready for occupancy at the opening of the next Term. To meet the cost of this structure, the Board is relying upon the outstanding subscriptions, long since due, to the amount of \$7,862; and it is hoped that, as a necessity now exists for the collection of this sum, those who have so long been indulged, will feel the obligation increased to cancel speedily their subscriptions. With a view to secure the erection of the other wing contemplated by the Board, Mrs. William Law has promised the sum of \$5,000, to be paid in five annual instalments.

In commemoration of her liberality, and that of the late Mrs. Simons, of Charleston, it is recommended that these buildings, when completed, be called, respectively, Simons Hall and Law Hall. There will be accommodation this fall for, at least, forty Students; and with the second wing, the accommodation will be adequate for nearly sixty.

VIII. PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The number of Students in attendance upon the different classes the past year was thirty-two, as follows :

SENIOR CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Candidate of</i>
S. C. Alexander,	Davidson College,	Concord Presbytery.
W. B. Carson,		
W. B. Corbett,	Charleston "	Charleston "
J. N. Cowan,	Erskine "	S. Carolina "
Henry Hardie,	Chapel Hill "	Orange "
W. J. McCormick,	Oglethorpe "	Harmony "
R. A. Mickle,		Harmony "
J. G. Richards,	Oglethorpe "	Tuscumbia "
D. F. Smith,		Cherokee "

MIDDLE CLASS.

Joseph Bardwell,	Nassau Hall College,	
Marcus M. Carleton,	Amherst "	
Matthew Green,	Roy. Inst. Belfast,	Charleston "
Douglas Harrison,	S. Carolina College,	Bethel "
Martin McQueen,	Davidson "	
D. D. McBryde,	Davidson "	
Thomas B. Neil,	S. Carolina "	Charleston "
Samuel Orr,	Oglethorpe "	Cherokee "
Henry M. Smith,	Jefferson "	Ohio "

JUNIOR CLASS.

James A. Cousar,	Oglethorpe College,	Harmony "
James A. Davies,	Davidson "	
N. W. Edmunds,	S. Carolina "	
B. S. Krider,	Davidson "	
R. Q. Mallard,	Franklin "	
R. S. McAllister,		Chickasaw "
Robert McLees,		S. Carolina "

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Candidate of</i>
David H. Porter,	S. Carolina College,	Charleston Presbytery.
P. M. Ryburn,	Charleston “	“
C. J. Silliman,	Oglethorpe “	Tuskaloosa “
L. A. Simonton,	Oglethorpe “	Flint River “
Robert R. Small,	Oglethorpe “	“
Arthur Small,	Oglethorpe “	Charleston “
Charlton H. Wilson,	Oglethorpe “	Harmony “

The Report of the Faculty is highly favorable as to the diligence of the Students, and their observance of all the rules of the Institution. All the departments of instruction have been full; and the Professors, with the Hebrew Tutor, have discharged their duties with exemplary fidelity. The Rev. Dr. McGill entered upon the duties of his chair on the first of January, and continued in their discharge for four months, until his office, as Clerk of the Assembly, took him off in May. By the concession of his colleagues he succeeded in pushing his class over the range of topics allotted to the year, prior to his leaving. The weekly debates and conferences and declamations have been regularly sustained; and the Students have given pleasing proof of an humble and devotional spirit, not less than of earnestness in study.

IX. GENERAL REMARKS.

In drawing this Report to a close, there are a few miscellaneous items too important to be omitted.

1. The first of these is the resignation of the Professorship of Church History by the Rev. Dr. McGill. Upon reference to the Minutes of the Board submitted with this Report, it will be seen that the Board expressed its opinion that the election of a successor vests, by the Constitution of the Seminary, Section 2d, Article 3d, in the Synod of South Carolina: and as the Synod of Georgia will meet this year earlier than that of South Carolina, it is respectfully urged that the former hold an adjourned meeting, to take action upon the Election made by the Co-ordinate Synod. Otherwise, the election remains inchoate for an entire year, during which the Chair is likely to remain vacant.

2. The Minutes of the Board will also show that in order to secure full instruction in the Seminary until a Professor can be chosen, and can enter upon his duties, as well as to guard against the uncertainty always attending the success of an Election, the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., was appointed, provisionally, to instruct in this depart-

ment of study until the Chair shall be filled by the Professor who may be chosen.

3. In the conviction that the States and Synods South-West of us should be heartily engaged in the support of this Institution, the Board has appointed Messrs. Adger and Palmer to visit the Synods of Alabama and of Mississippi, at their next annual meeting, with a view to confer with the Brethren of those States, and ascertain in what way a more intimate alliance between themselves and us may be formed, for the common welfare of our Southern Zion.

4. The Board desires to submit to the Synods the question of changing the present mode of electing Professors in the Seminary. The experience of the past two or three years has proved the existing arrangement to be both awkward and embarrassing. Twice in successive years, the Synod of South Carolina has been obliged to hold a special meeting; and this year, the Synod of Georgia will be called to endure the same inconvenience. It will happen, too, that the vote confirming the election, is given often by so small a section of the whole body as seriously to embarrass the mind of the appointee in accepting his charge; since no man wishes to hold an important trust, binding him to a large constituency, by a merely technical or constitutional majority. Yet, if these embarrassments were all, they might be borne without complaint. The great objection to the present plan might have been foreseen. It arises from the fact, that the Electors cast their votes without opportunity to confer together and to compare views respecting the Candidates submitted to their choice. In this way, serious difference of opinion may arise; and the body which confirms, is either constrained by the choice of that which appoints, or else it must exercise its vote under circumstances of peculiar delicacy, and at the hazard of rupturing fraternal bonds. Should the Synods be disposed to consider the propriety of a change, their wisdom must provide a substitute: Either to remit the election to the Board of Directors, subject to a veto by the Synods; or to commit it to a College of Electors who shall be specially appointed, who shall meet at some central point, and whose decision shall be final. The Board recommends no plan, but surrenders the whole subject to the discretion of the Synods.

5. In the list of Scholarships found in the financial exhibit already made, it will be seen that the long deferred legacy of Mrs. Timothy has at length been realized. By the decree of the Court, the original legacy of \$2,500 carries interest from one year after the death of Mrs.

Timothy to the first of January, 1853, swelling the amount to \$4,385, which sum has been paid over, and is now in the hands of the Treasurer.

6. The following members go out of the Board at this time, whose places must be filled by a new election :

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
S. Donnelly,	Hon. J. N. Whitner,
D. M. Turner,	E. R. Calhoun,
W. M. Reid,	T. C. Perrin,
S. H. Hay,	Hon. J. H. Lumpkin,
N. Hoyt, D. D.	D. C. Campbell,
J. S. Wilson, D. D.	W. Shear.
J. W. Reid,	
G. H. W. Petrie.	

It will also devolve upon the Synod of South Carolina to fill out the unexpired time of G. T. Snowden, who has been removed by death.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

During the past Synodical year, we have received the income of two

Scholarships in South Carolina,.....	\$294 50
Do. of two Scholarships in Georgia,.....	350 00
Dividends on Capt. Blair's Legacy.....	169 16
Donation from Mrs. William Law,.....	100 00
Do. from Ladies' Education Society, Midway Church, Liberty County, Georgia,.....	148 50
Do. from Rev. J. M. Anderson, Ebenezer, S. C.,.....	20 00
* Contribution from Presbyterian Church, Columbia,....	130 00
Do. from Salem Church, Black River,.....	141 00
Do. from Lebanon Church, Jackson County,.....	26 00
Do. from Salem Church, Little River,.....	30 00

* Besides this, \$200 were given by the Presbyterian Church, Columbia, to one Beneficiary, not included in the above statement, as it did not pass through the Committee.

Contribution from Beach Island Church,.....	15 00
Do. from Harmony Presbytery,.....	81 40
Reimbursed by Rev. W. B. Carson, a former Beneficiary,	100 00
Reimbursed by Rev. A. W. Miller, former Beneficiary,...	50 00
Final dividend on Broad River Bridge Stock,.....	16 50
Contribution from Pres. Church on Edisto Island,.....	40 00
Donations from Tombeckbee Presbytery, Mississippi,....	106 40
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Making the whole amount received,.....	\$1818 96

Disbursements.

Balance paid for arrearage last year,.....	\$148 50
To six Students of the Seminary, \$150 each,.....	900 00
“ two “ “ “ \$50 “	100 00
Paid for Circulars,.....	3 00
Discount on a check from Georgia,.....	25
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Total amount paid away,.....	\$1151 75

Leaving a balance in favour of the Committee in Treasurer's hands, of..... \$667 20

In February, your Committee sent a Circular to all the Churches, soliciting contributions, which was responded to but in few instances. Owing, however, to unexpected donations and payments, we have not only met all demands, but have a balance of six hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty cents for the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. LELAND, *Chairman.*

ANNUAL REPORT

To the Synod of South-Carolina, by the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions, November, 1853.

The Executive Committee for Foreign Missions respectfully submit to Synod, the Treasurer's Account for the year just closed, duly audited.

In order the more satisfactorily to exhibit what has been done in

this cause by the Synod during the year, and at the same time to note our progress, your Committee deem it well to give a tabular view of all our Churches, together with the sums respectively contributed by them, both in the past year and in the year immediately previous.

The annual Reports to Synod heretofore, while they have been digested from the Treasurer's account, and the account of the office in New-York, have sometimes embraced also, in some form, the receipts by the Committee while at Synod. These last-mentioned contributions are of course passed to the Treasurer, and are included in his account for the following year, and consequently appear a second time in the Reports of your Committee. This swells the amounts reported to Synod, beyond the amounts actually contributed, and renders comparisons between successive years difficult and unsatisfactory. Your Committee would suggest that only such contributions be embraced in their Reports as are brought to their knowledge through the Treasurer's Account, and by the office in New-York.—Assuming that the Synod will approve of this suggestion, the present Report is made on this basis.

Your Committee would further suggest that a particular period be designated for the annual closing of the Treasurer's Account. Sometimes it has been closed early in October, to be ready for an early meeting of Synod; at others, not till the last of November; exhibiting thus, in some years, the receipts for less than a year, and in others, for more than a year. It is inconvenient, while this is the case, to measure correctly by this test, the increase of the devotion of our people to this work. It is proper to add that this suggestion is made with the concurrence of the Treasurer, who, by its adoption, would be relieved of some embarrassments to which he is now subject.—We suggest October 15, as the proper period. It was closed last year, Oct. 11, and this year, Nov. 5.

The contributions up to these dates in 1852 and 1853, respectively, are as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.	CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.
Mount Zion,	\$	\$	Upper Long Cane,	\$	\$
Verennes,			Broadaway,		1 75
Good Hope,	28 45	48 15	Midway,		2 55
Roberts,	4 00	41 60	Carmel,	3 00	

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH-CAROLINA—Continued.

CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.	CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.
Fairview,	\$ 10 25	\$ 14 00	Greenville,	\$	\$ 54 10
Lebanon,	18 00	31 50	Rocky River,	18 75	9 00
Bethia,		3 00	Providence,	15 00	17 00
Pickens C. H.			Aveleigh,		9 75
Retreat,			Nazareth,		
Richland,			Laurens C. H.	5 35	19 80
Bethel,	3 25	1 00	Bethany,		
Nazareth,	19 00		Little Mountain,		
Willington,	100 00	120 00	Spartanburg C. H.	4 42	14 00
Mount Tabor,			North Pacolet,		
Antioch,		2 00	Liberty Spring,		3 10
Hopewell, Keowee,		30 00	Mount Calvary,		
Rocky Spring,			Hopewell,		
Friendship,		6 00	Warrior's Creek,	1 00	
New Harmony,	7 25	2 00	Bethesda,		
Little River,	7 50		Mount Bethel,		
Duncan's Creek,			Anderson C. H.	12 56	10 66
Smyrna,		2 65	Gilder's Creek,		11 05
Rock,	65 05	68 78	Individuals,	16 67	10 00
Greenville C. H.				\$339 50	\$533 44

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.	CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.
Bethel,	\$ 93 00	\$ 56 00	Fair Forest,	\$	\$ 20 00
Beersheba,	15 40	27 00	Purity,	20 00	
Bullock's Creek,	3 20	15 00	Shiloh,		2 00
Bethesda,	91 00	70 00	Ebenezer,	51 00	69 00
Unionville,			Unity,		10 10
Cane Creek,			Salem,		
Hopewell,	25 00		Six Mile Creek,	18 10	17 00
Cedar Shoal,	8 63		Waxhaw,		4 00
Yorkville,	34 00	50 20	Lancasterville,		60 00
Catholic,	70 00	142 50	Concord,	9 00	
Pleasant Grove,	32 00	30 00	Mount Olivet,	16 00	
Fishing Creek,	69 77	75 00	Individual,		10 00
				\$556 10	\$657 80

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.	CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.
Darlington,	\$ 62 00	\$ 71 75	Cheraw,	\$243 25	\$408 75
Pine Tree,	10 00	11 00	Horeb,		
Hephzibah,	19 00	9 50	Scion,	104 20	115 00
Mount Zion,	99 00	155 50	Salem, B. R.	77 50	90 00
Midway,	5 00	3 00	Little Pedee,		
Sumterville,		86 50	Marion C. H.		
Concord, (2 members),	20 00	20 00	Williamsburg,	56 00	57 00
Hopewell,	50 17	69 00	Liberty Hill,		

HARMONY PRESBYTERY—Continued.

CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.	CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.
Bishopville,	\$ 10 00	\$ 7 00	Lebanon, (Jackson C.)	\$ 21 00	\$ 25 00
Brewington,			Indiantown,		
Harmony,			Beaver Creek,		
Bethesda, (Camden,)	157 60	152 90	Carolina,	3 70	
Great Pedee,			Aimwell,		
Reedy Creek,			Pisgah,		
Salem, L. R.	31 50	30 00	White Oak,		
				\$969 92	1309 90

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

CHURCHES.	1852.	1853.
Edisto Island,	\$	\$ 111 00
Circular Church, Charleston, two Members of the		15 00
Bethel, Walterboro,	35 00	50 00
Salcatcher,		
Central Church, Charleston,		
Second Church, Charleston, 1852, \$387.61—1853, \$550.87		
Juvenile Missionary Society, “ 110.00 “ 150.00		
Anson-st. Col. Congregation, “ 50.00 “ 70.18		
	547 61	771 05
Glebe-street Church, Charleston,	125 00	
James Island Church,	\$91.08	
Ladies' Sewing Society,	63.10	
Rev. Jno. Douglas' contribution for '52 and '53,	80.00	
Mrs. Douglas' “	10.00	244 18
Stoney Creek,		135 00
1st. Church, Columbia,	\$388.21 \$274.29	
An Individual,	50.00	
A Family of Children,	6.00	
For the Waldenses,	129.00	444 21
Orangeburg C. H.		403 29
Wilton,	46 00	78 75
John's Island,	\$13.00	
Coloured Members,	8.25	21 25
Beech Island,	34 00	30 00
Barnwell C. H., a Member of, at Boiling Spring,		5 00
	\$1231 82	\$1864 52

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHURCHES, ETC.	1852.	1853.
Redd's Legacy,	\$ 7 00	\$
Record and Foreign Missionary,	50	5 75
Synodical Collection at Winnsboro',	91 00	
Synodical Collection at Yorkville,		98 75
A Lady of Pickens, Ala.	10 00	10 00
Two Ladies per G. W. DeSaussure, Esq.	60 00	
Moore Fund of Second Ch. Charleston,	89 08	114 44
Blair Fund of Yorkville,	94 40	190 00

MISCELLANEOUS—Continued.

CHURCHES, ETC.	1852.	1853.
Individuals,	2 00	5 00
Erskine Missionary Society,	30 00	
Flemington Church, Geo. per Rev. John Winn,	7 62	20 15
Dorchester,		13 85
Collection at General Assembly, Charleston,	231 05	
Agricola,		100 00
	<u>\$ 622 65</u>	<u>\$ 557 94</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Presbytery of South-Carolina, - - -	\$ 339 50	\$ 533 44
Bethel Presbytery, - - -	556 10	657 80
Harmony Presbytery, - - -	969 92	1309 90
Charleston Presbytery, - - -	1231 82	1864 52
Miscellaneous, - - -	622 65	557 94
	<u>\$3719 99</u>	<u>\$4923 60</u>
Amount received by Treasurer of Synod, \$4497.60	<div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Amount received in New-York, 426.00		
<u>\$4923.60</u>		

There is, then, an increase this year, of \$1203.60, in the contributions of Synod, over those of the years previous; about \$200 of this increase, however, is attributable to the late date, in comparison with last year, at which the account is closed.

It may be interesting to know the rate of progress in this work, since our separate organization as a Synod. The annual contributions have been as follows :

In 1845, the year of the organization of Synod, the amount reported was \$1222.12.

" 1846	"	1966.52, showing an increase of	\$744.40
" 1847	"	1965.17, no increase.	
" 1848	"	2525.10, an increase of	558.58
" 1849	"	1869.64, a material decline of	455.46
" 1850	"	2931.28, an increase over the greatest preceding am't.	\$406.18
" 1851	"	3400.84, " " " " "	469.56
" 1852	"	3719.99. " " " " "	319.15
" 1853	"	4923.60, " " " " "	1203.60

From this it appears that there have been great fluctuations in the amounts of contributions. In some years a great advance has been made; again, no advance; again, a falling off. This we apprehend,

has been owing, not to fluctuations in the interest felt in the cause, but to the accident of the contributions in some years having been received in time to be reported, and in others not. There has been an *important average* increase. In the foregoing table, the amount stated for 1845, is, exclusive of what was received in New York, allowing \$170 to have been received there,—a fair allowance,—the amount contributed that year was \$1392; and the difference between the receipts of that year, and of the present, even after deducting from the present \$200 on account of the late date at which the report is made,—will be in favor of the present year \$3,511; yielding in the right years an *average* annual increase of \$416. The contributions this year are more than fourfold those of 1845.

This review is encouraging to our hearts, and particularly so in view of the fact, that no agency, apart from our Ecclesiastical organism, has been employed amongst us. It shows the happy, the efficient working of our system; it demonstrates the *practicalness* of our theory that the Church is a Missionary Institution; nay, *the* great Missionary Society.

But while we rejoice in the evidence thus afforded of the increase of our zeal, and give thanks to God for that increase, it becomes us with deep humiliation to recognise the fact, that it yet by no means corresponds with the magnitude of the enterprise on which we, in common with the Christian Church, have embarked; nor with the weighty obligations under which we live to our Lord, and to the world. There is yet abundant room for increase; and as the Apostles prayed, “Lord, increase our faith!” so should we pray, “Lord, increase our zeal.” An increase throughout the Church is earnestly called for by the Assembly’s Board, in their Annual Report. They forcibly urge that “*all* our congregations make offerings to the Missionary Treasury.” “As the matter now stands,” say they, “a large number of our Churches, and a multitude of our Church members, do not make any regular contribution in aid of this cause.” It becomes us, fathers and brethren, to note the fact, that of our one hundred and fifteen Churches, forty-seven have this year failed to contribute anything; many, when they do give, give but a pittance; and some habitually neglect it! What shall arouse us to a due apprehension of the work before us; and stimulate us to a proportionate degree of labour?

The Gospel is emphatically, as we profess to believe, GOOD NEWS

to our world. Where it prevails, it benefits man in all the relations and conditions of his being. It effects improvement in his moral, in his intellectual, and in his physical state; it ameliorates his personal, his social and his civil condition. Pure Christianity is the great agent in advancing civilization in its *broadest* sense. But as much as we rejoice in the improvement of man, in his *secular* interests; as much as we glory in his advancement upon the earth, in the scale of being;—and human developement is the favorite doctrine of the age, and human progress, secular progress, the great aim of all efforts;—these are not the *great* objects at which we aim in labouring to send the Gospel to the heathen; for in this regard, as well as in the sense originally intended by the Apostle, “we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen, are eternal.” We seek to benefit man in his spiritual state, and in his eternal relations. We would deliver him from the stupidity of spiritual ignorance; from the thralldom, the baseness, the vileness of sin. We would rescue him from the perdition of eternal death. We would restore him to holiness of nature, and to right relations with his Maker. We would, in regard to man’s welfare, obey the injunction of our Lord, “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,” trusting that if these great objects be attained, all those other things, the temporal benefits, will in due course “be added unto him.”

We have said, “*we seek* to benefit man in his spiritual state, and in his eternal relations.” The language ought to have been, “*we should seek*,” thus to benefit him; for, besides the statistics we have given, the state of facts amongst us, patent to observation, shows that eternal interests are not as readily appreciated by us as temporal,—not indeed, although we have been illumined by Divine grace. How vividly, for instance, do we apprehend the sufferings of communities when wasted by destructive visitations. To what a pitch, not many years since, were the sympathies of all classes in our nation, wrought for a starving people, when a national ship of war could, with enthusiastic approbation, be detailed from its appropriate service for the peaceful, the benevolent, the life-giving mission of conveying to the destitute the contributions of the compassionate! How often, and how intensely is the chivalry of our people aroused in aid of those whom they conceive to be oppressed by tyrannic rule, and their zeal inflamed to establish among such, and to extend throughout the

world, the benign influence of our Republican institutions. And how, of late, has the great heart of our great nation been concentrated in compassion upon a devoted city, and been active in spontaneous labours to rescue them from the death-dealing pestilence. But, alas! there may be amongst a people, the direst dearth of all spiritual sustenance; there may flagrantly tyrannize over them the despotic will of the devil; there may universally revel in their carnage, the most fatal spiritual plague,—that loathsome and deadly spiritual leprosy;—(and such is the condition of things amongst the heathen;)—and Christian men, and Christian Elders, and Christian Ministers, look upon it with all the calmness of perfect indifference. Natural affection may be active, and ought to be active, in regard to the natural calamities of life; men may sympathize, and they ought to sympathize, with those who suffer in their temporal interests; but should not eternal realities arouse to their intensest action, the compassions of those who are in possession of the Gospel of Grace, for those who are perishing from lack of knowledge? We should evince by our labours to Christianize the heathen, that we *intensely* believe that “he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way, in thus saving a soul from death, and covering a multitude of sins,” accomplishes a result really more beneficial to man, infinitely more glorious, than can be any result affecting only his temporal welfare.

And the multitudes, the multitudes, whose eternal necessities call for the exercise of this devoted benevolence! “When Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then said he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers few; pray ye therefore, the Lord of harvest, that he send forth more labourers into his harvest.” Of the nine hundred millions of human beings now living upon the earth, how few are in friendship with God, restored to that state through faith in the atoning sacrifice of the Redeemer. At the most, not more than *one third* are even called Christian, by the adventitious occurrence of their birth within the limits of Christendom. Of these nominal Christians, say, *one half* are by profession of piety associated with the Church. Of this half, we cannot reckon more than *a half* as members of Protestant Evangelical Churches; and of such members, only the Omniscient knows how many are true disciples. Those who constitute the true Church of Christ upon the earth, are but a very small fragment of a

very small fragment of our race. The great body of people in Christendom is without religion; and the heathen, having no knowledge whatever of Christ, comprise two thirds of our race! Truly is it said, the whole world lyeth in wickedness."

In view of this state of things,—deplorable beyond conception, our hearts, even while we only partially apprehend it, are forced to cry out, "how long Lord; how long shall the enemy triumph;" how long shall the adversary of God and man prevail! Eighteen hundred years have now elapsed since the atoning sacrifice of Calvary was finished, and Christ gave to his disciples the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature." Eighteen hundred years have passed, and yet no more done toward evangelizing the world! At this slow rate, when will the work be accomplished? Manifestly, if it be left to man, this grey old earth must number more ages than it has numbered years or days, before righteousness universally prevail. Happily the efficiency is with God, and in due time he will put forth his power, and cause "nations to be born in a day." "The people shall be willing in the day of his power;" and the time, the set time to favor Zion will come. But though in ourselves inefficient, though utterly impotent, we must be co-workers with God; we must come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty,—and peradventure he will use our instrumentality. Although we recognize the divine efficiency, as the only possible source of success,—we are to labour in this work, *as though the work were all our own*; as though *the efficiency were with us*, and the means *could accomplish the end*. If this be so, fathers and brethren, how needful that our labours be indefinitely multiplied! In regard to the Missionaries now employed, in comparison with the multitude of the heathen, it may, with sorrowful emphasis, be enquired, "What are these among so many?" Suppose in this, our State of South Carolina, with its population of about 600,000, there were one man stationed, on the borders, imperfectly acquainted with the manners, customs, and language of the people; with facilities for travel and communication, only such as nature furnishes, and suppose him to be, withal, regarded, as far as he was known, only with mingled suspicion and contempt;—suppose this one man to be the only Minister of the Gospel to this, say, half million of people. Let Christian knowledge and indeed personal piety be prevalent as it now is,—yet this one man to be the only Minister, what could he effect in keeping

up the spirit of piety? The tendency of physical nature is to fall back from an artificial or unnatural state; much more is it the tendency of the moral nature of man to relapse from a state of righteousness, which is to it an unnatural state, and in which it can be sustained only by grace. But grace is, ordinarily, communicated only through means. Let then the means be withdrawn from a people; let only this one Minister to the half million be provided, and how soon would Christianity expire, the light of Divine truth be extinguished, and the people relapse into crime and heathenism! Yet this supply of the means is fully equal to that provided for the heathen world. Only one or two Missionaries to a million of people; and they not originally a Christian people, as in the case supposed, but born heathen; grown old in superstition, in idolatry, in bestiality, and fortified in their position by their so-called philosophy. The wonder is not that, with such a supply of labourers, Christianity makes so little inroad upon heathenism; the wonder seriously is, that it advances at all. One or two Missionaries to a million! How contemptible in the eyes of the people would be a company of thirty or fifty foreigners who aimed at overturning our General Government, our Institutions, and even at revolutionizing the prevalent public sentiment. No less despicable may the Missionaries be, in the eyes of the heathen; no more hopeful in itself may be their work. Christian fathers and brethren, have we said there is need for an *increase* of zeal and of labour in this cause? In comparison with the greatness of the work, we are lifeless. A wonderful apathy pervades the Church. Nothing has been done. Every thing remains to be done. It is high time to awake out of sleep; the *day* is far spent. It is time for the Church to put on the strength of God; to have awakened within her, the vigour, the activity, the energy of Omnipotence! No tongue can depict the ardent, longing, restless activity of zeal that should prevail.

Can any seek to excuse themselves from such zeal? Zeal, stimulating to laborious effort for the success of a body with which, in any enterprise, we are in heart associated, is *natural*, is *necessary*. This principle is in itself devoid of moral character. It, however, becomes vile when it assumes the type of mere partyism; but is noble when it has for its object some scheme of philanthropy, and specially so, when, as with the Christian, there is combined with the highest philanthropy and purest benevolence, a regard for the honour of the

Redeemer, in the extension of his rule throughout the world. So natural is this principle to man, and so necessarily is it sanctified by grace, in the Christian's heart, that to be destitute of zeal for Christ, is to be destitute of an essential element of the Christian character. When the Christian life is healthful, this principle must be active in proportion to the apprehension of need. And when that need appears, as we have seen it, to be almost infinite, it staggers not at the overwhelming magnitude of the work, but sustained by grace, it is ready to yield itself and its treasures with an *entire* self-surrender, with a *self-sacrifice* to meet the exigencies of the cause. Brethren, Christian Brethren, as there is need, may not this devoted zeal be aroused in us? We may not have much *means* wherewith to contribute bountifully to this cause; but we have position and influence as Ministers and officers in the Church. The sword of the commanding officer in battle, may not be stained with the blood of one of the enemy; nay, so disabled may he be by the accidents of war, that he is incapable of much physical exertion; but he manifests his mental energy in the cause, by his presence at his post; and by the influence of his office and of *his bearing*, his *word* inspirits the legions that possess the requisite might, to bear down the opposing hosts, and to triumph in battle. So indeed, ye Ministers may not have abundant wealth wherewith to contribute supplies for this spiritual war; your means accruing from your office are too commonly meagre, and some of you, perhaps, have expended even your patrimony in seeking fitness for that office, but your ardency in the cause, your frequent and earnest exhibitions of its needs, your warning, your encouraging, your stimulating voice, must and will meet with a due response. Zeal in any cause is contagious. Your zeal will awaken zeal in those who have wherewith to give, and even the single grain of grace, of zeal for Christ, like the mustard seed in the Gospel, may grow up to be a great tree of righteousness, in which may cluster heavenly fruits, and on the branches of which heavenly visitants may love to rest.

Nor, Christian Fathers and Brethren, is zeal in this work without reward to ourselves. The reward is *the joy of success*; the joy of doing good, something like the reward of Him, who "shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied;" who, "for this joy that was set before him endured the Cross and despised the shame." And there is also a reward of grace, "He that turneth many to right-

eousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." We may not be permitted to labour personally among the heathen, but we may labour personally for the heathen; and he, who with a prayerful spirit sendeth by his agency, if not by his own *means*, the Missionary to the heathen, is accounted as really instrumental in converting those who are turned, as is he whose personal ministry among them is thus blessed. Both he who sends, and he who is sent, are equally *impotent*; but each in his proper sphere, as an instrument, is necessary; they are both, alike used of grace. This work at home, brethren, may be our department of labour. Let us be faithful in our lot; let us fulfil our course, and we shall not fail of the reward!

You will pardon us, fathers and brethren, for bringing to your notice such common-place considerations as have been suggested. We have laboured not to instruct, but only to "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance." They are, however, practical considerations, though familiar. We know you will receive them in the fraternal spirit in which they are offered.

Before closing, it is our melancholy duty to record the departure from amongst us, of one who has long been a faithful friend to Missions. Mr. Gilbert T. Snowden has been taken to his reward. We feel called upon thus officially, to notice his death, because he was a member of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions ever since its organization, a Ruling Elder in one of our Churches, and often, an influential member of our Synod. When such as he, are taken away, though it be to the sanctuary above, we feel constrained to cry out, "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men!"

Your Committee have not failed to have printed and distributed among the Presbyteries, the annual sermon on Missions, preached before Synod at its sessions last year, by the Rev. G. C. Gregg. They are permitted also to present to the Presbyteries, six hundred copies of the sermon recently preached by the Rev. Dr. Smyth, before the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

THOMAS SMYTH,	} <i>Ex. Com. For. Missions.</i>
JOHN B. ADGER,	
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J. H. THORNWELL,	

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

In Account Current with James Adger, Treasurer.

1852.

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Oct. 13.	By cash, through Rev. John Winn, Monthly Concert collection, Dorchester, Liberty Co., Georgia,	\$13 85	
	Flemington, Liberty Co.,	20 15	34 00
	From Rev. Geo. Howe, Monthly Concert, Stoney Creek Church,		75 00
	Through Rev. F. Jacobs, from the following Churches of S. Carolina Synod :		
	Ebenezer Church, Bethel Presbytery,	45 00	
	Yorkville " " "	50 20	
	Bethel " " "		
	for Missions to Chickasaw,	34 00	
	Fair Forest Church, Bethel Presbytery,	10 00	
	Waxhaw " " "	4 00	
	Shiloh " " "	2 00	
	Unity " " "	10 10	
	Beech Island, Ch. Charleston Presbytery,	15 00	
	Boiling Spring " " "		
	from an individual,	5 00	
	Missionary collection of Synod at York,	98 75	274 05
15.	By Monthly concert, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Nov. 1,		53 25
20.	From Ladies' Missions,		5 00
23.	Through Mr. John B. Bull, Monthly collection, at Willington Church,		20 00
20.	Through Rev. John Douglas, Monthly collection, Presbyterian Ch., James' Island,	41 40	
	Ladies Sewing Society,	41 10	
	Donation of Rev. John Douglas,	40 00	
	Donation of Mrs. F. C. Douglass,	10 00	132 50
Dec. 4.	Through Mr. W. Banks, collection of Six Mile Creek Church, Lancaster District,		17 00
	In a Letter, dated Pickens Co., Ala., from a Lady, a friend of Missions,		10 00

Dec.	16.	By cash thro' Mr. A. Crawford, Monthly collection, 1st Presbyterian Church, Columbia, .	74	72
		Through J. F. Matheson, from Bethesda Church, Camden,	42	15
		Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	52	56
	27.	Through Mr. J. R. Aiken, Winnsboro', contribution for year 1852, of Scion Church, . . .	115	00
	28.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Ladies' Missionary Society of Sumterville,	80	00
1853.				
Jan.	3.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Bethesda Church, Camden,	20	25
		Through Rev. Thomas Smyth, from the "Moore Fund," of 2d Presbyterian Church, for African Missions,	24	00
		Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Ch. Charleston, 2d January,	32	00
	10.	Through J. B. Bull, Esq., Monthly collection, Willington Church,	20	00
	17.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Bethesda Church, Camden,	10	50
		From Hepzibah,	9	50
			20	00
	24.	From H. Cameron, for 2 copies Home Record and 2 copies Foreign Missions for H. Cameron,	3	00
		Two copies of same, for Ev. A. Gregg, 1 50; 1 copy each, for Mr. A. Gregg, 75c.	2	25
			5	25
Feb.	3.	Through Gen. S. R. Chandler, from 2 members of Concord Church, Sumter District, Mrs. L. McFadden,	10	00
		Dr. R. R. Durant,	10	00
			20	00
	8.	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 5th February,	43	87
	11.	Through Rev. R. Post, D. D., for Assembly, Board Foreign Missions, from Miss H. L. Ramsey,	5	00
		Wm. Perronneau Finley, Esq.,	10	00
			15	00

Feb. 12.	By cash from Mr. John S. Chambers, of Chester District, for Mission to the Indians, under Rev. Mr. Watson,	10 00
24.	From J. B. Bull, for collections at Willington Church,	20 00
26.	Through Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D., from the "Moore Fund" of 2d Presbyterian Church,	90 44
March 2.	Through Mr. J. C. Chambers, Collection, Coloured Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Anson Street,	8 18
	Through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Salem, Black River Church,	90 00
	Bethesda Church, Camden,	5 00
		95 00
3.	Through Rev. J. L. Girardeau, collection of Wilton Church,	23 00
5.	Through Rev. A. F. Dickson, from John's Island Presbyterian Church,	13 00
	Coloured Members of same, for West African School,	8 25
		21 25
	Through Rev. P. E. Bishop, from Bethesda Ch. for the Press, in Northern India,	60 00
	Monthly collections, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	44 00
7.	Dividends on Stock of Farmer's Bank, Baltimore, being legacy of John Blair, of York, dividend, July, 1852,	90 00
	Dividend, January, 1853,	100 00
		190 00
19.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Bethesda Church, Camden,	9 00
	From Pine Tree Church,	11 00
	From Williamsburg,	57 00
		77 00
April 1.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, collection of Cheraw Church,	224 25
	Through Mr. John Knox, Treasurer, annual collection, Pleasant Grove Ch., Bethel Presbytery,	30 00
5.	Through Andrew Crawford, Esq., collection, Presbyterian Church, Columbia,	115 58
	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, collection, Darlington Church,	71 75

April 6. By cash through Rev. Mr. Lee, collection Pres. Church, Edisto,	111 00
7. Through Rev. W. B. Davies, collection Presbyterian Church, Chester District,	27 00
Through John B. Bull, Esq., Monthly collection, Willington Church,	20 00
9. Thro' Mr. Sam'l. Clarke, from Beach Island Ch. Thro' Rev. Edward Palmer, collection Bethel Church, Walterboro',	15 00 50 00
13. Through Mr. Sam'l. H. Hay, from Juvenile Missionary Society of Presb'n. Ch. Camden,	7 00
18. Annual Missionary collection of 2d. Pres. Ch. Charleston, 3d. April,	150 11
Through Mr. E. P. Palmer, collection of Lebanon Church, Harmony Presbytery,	25 00
19. Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Bethesda Church, Camden,	25 00
Through Rev. Mr. Jacobs, collections from the col'd. congregation connected with the 2d Pr. Church,	30 00
21. Through Mr. John F. Matheson— from Mount Zion Church, . . . \$155 50 “ Bishopville “ . . . 5 00 “ Hopewell “ . . . 69 00 “ Midway “ . . . , 3 00	232 50
22. Through Mr. A. O. Norris, Tr. Presbytery of South Carolina, as follows— from Greenville Ch. Abbeville Dist., \$16 85 “ Financial Committee, Spring Session of Presbytery— Fairview Church, . . . \$7 40 Laurens C. H. Ch. . . . 3 00 Do. Monthly Concert, . . . 16 80 Roberts Church, . . . 16 20 Rock “ . . . 10 10 Friendship “ . . . 4 00 Midway “ . . . 2 55 Anderson “ . . . 1 25 Good Hope “ . . . 23 05	

April 22.	By cash from Broadway Church,	\$1 75	
	Antioch	" 2 00	
	New Harmony	" 2 00	
	Providence	" 4 00	
	Gilder's Creek	" 4 30	
	Aveleigh	" 3 00	
	Smyrna	" 2 65	
	Greenville	" 3 00	
	Lebanon	" 5 00	
	Rev. W. H. McWhorter,	3 00	
		—————	\$115 05
	From Financial Committee, Fall		
	Session of Fresbytery—		
	Bethel Church,	1 00	
	Hopewell (Keo.)	30 00	
	Rock	20 00	
	Liberty Spring,	3 10	
	From a Female from Lebanon,	5 00	
	" " " "	1 00	
	Balance of Lebanon Church,	50	
		—————	60 60
	From Mr. John S. Reid, Lebanon Post-		
	Office, Abbeville Dist., for Home and		
	Foreign Record,	50	
		—————	193 00
27.	Through Mr. E. P. Palmer, from Salem		
	Church, Little River, Harmony Pres-		
	bytery,	30 00	
May 3.	Monthly collection, 2d. Pr. Ch. Charles-		
	ton, 1st May,	37 00	
4.	Through Mr. J. G. Davidson, from		
	Bullock's Creek Church, York Dist.	8 00	
	Through M. Wm. Banks—		
	Collection in Catholic Ch., Chester		
	Dist., from Mr. Wm. Hemphill, to		
	constitute himself and two daugh-		
	ters, Miss Susan Hemphill and		
	Miss Mary Hemphill, life members		
	of "The Board,"	100 00	

May 4.	By cash from Catholick Congregation, to constitute their Pastor life member of "The Board,"	\$42 50	
		<hr/>	\$142 50
16.	Through E. R. Mills, Treas'r. collection Fishing Creek Church,		70 00
June 4.	Through Mr. A. O. Norris, Treas'r. Pres- bytery of South Carolina, as follows: From Greenville Ch. Abbeville Dis- trict,	15 95	
	Good Hope, "	25 10	
	Roberts "	25 40	
	Fairview "	6 60	
	Lebanon Ch. \$15; Lady at do. \$5,	20 00	
	Bethea \$3; Friendship \$2,	5 00	
	Rock Church \$38 68; Mr. Boyd, \$1,	39 68	
	Aveleigh Church,	6 75	
	Anderson "	9 41	
	Mrs. Jane Williams, \$1; Mrs. Jane Todd, \$1,	2 00	
	Providence \$13; Mrs. E. Simpson. \$1,	14 00	
	Rocky River,	9 00	
	Spartanburg,	14 00	
	Rev. Wm. McWhorter,	3 00	
	Gilder's Creek,	6 75	
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11.	Monthly collection of the 2d Presbyterian Ch. Charleston, 5th June,		37 70
July 5.	From Andrew Crawford, Esq. collection 1st Pr. Church, Columbia,		57 84
8.	Through J. B. Bull, Esq., collection Willington Church, Abbeville District,		20 00
13.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Bethesda Church, Camden,		34 00
Aug't. 1.	Through Mr. T. H. Dewees, from Juvenile Mis- sionary Society of 2d Pres. Ch. Charleston,		150 00
4.	Monthly collection of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 3d. July,		20 75
10.	Monthly collection of do. 7th August,		13 37

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Aug. 11.	By cash thro' Mr. A. O. Norris, Greenville Ch., .	\$18 30
15.	Through Mr. E. R. Mills, contribution in part, of Fishing Creek Church,	5 00
16.	Through Rev. John Douglas, Monthly collec- tion Presbyterian Church, James Island, .	37 62
29.	Thro' Mr. J. E. Davidson, from Bullock Ck. Ch.	7 00
Sept. 5.	Monthly Concert col'n. 2d. Pr. Ch. Charleston,	22 70
Oct. 3.	Monthly collection of 2d. Pres. Ch. Charleston,	43 56
5.	From Wilton Ch. thro' Rev. J. L. Girardeau, .	55 75
14.	Through J. B. Bull, Esq., collection of Willing- ton Church, Abbeville District,	20 00
15.	Thro' Rev. F. Jacobs, from Col'd. Ch. Anson-st.	32 00
17.	Through Mr. Wm. Banks, from— Fair Forest Church, Bethel Presbytery, \$10 Lancasterville “ “ “ 10	20 00
18.	Through Andrew Crawford, Esq. Monthly col- lection Pres. Ch. Columbia, S. C.	26 15
31.	From Agricola,	100 00
Nov. 4.	Through Rev. J. B. Dunwoody, Monthly collec- tion Stoney Creek Church,	60 00
5.	Through Rev. John Douglas, from Pres. Church James Island, col'n. Monthly Concert, \$12 06 From Ladies' Sewing Society, 22 00 Annual donation of Rev. John Douglas, 40 00	74 06
		<hr/> \$4497 60

Appropriated as follows:

1853.

Feb. 28.	To cash paid Rev. Thos. Smyth, D. D., Chairman of Ex. Committee,—or- der to Walker & James for printing 2000 copies of Rev. G. C. Gregg's Missionary Sermon, \$	55 00
Mch. 18.	To Jas. Adger & Co., draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., in favour of, and remitted to, Wm. Rankin, Jr. Esq. Treasurer, by order of Ex. Commit- tee, \$1686 15, $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. premium, 1692 47	

	Amounts brought forward, . . .	\$1747 47	\$4497 60
May 9.	To cash paid Ex. Committee, order to remit balance of funds in hand to the Treas'r. of the Assembly's Board—Remitted this day in Jas. Adger & Co's. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co. in favour of Wm. Rankin, Jr. Esq., $\frac{1}{4}$ payable on presentation, for \$1615 63, $\frac{3}{8}$ per ct. prem.	1621 69	
Nov. 7.	To cash paid Ex. Committee, order to remit the balance of funds on hand: Remitted in James Adger & Co's. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co. in favour of Wm. Rankin, Jr. Esq., Treas'r., payable on presentation, for \$1122 53, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. prem. .	1128 44	
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			\$4497 60
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JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

CHARLESTON, 7th Nov. 1853.

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

W. C. DUKES,
J. M. CALDWELL.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University beg leave to present to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, their Annual Report for the Scholastic and Fiscal year of 1853.

Since the last Annual Report, our ranks have been thinned by the death of three of our valuable members, viz: Messrs. G. T. Snowden,

* No Report has been received from the Synod of Alabama, therefore we have published the roll of Trustees for Alabama as last year.

of South Carolina, W. Forbes, of Florida, and N. C. Sayre, of Georgia. Mr. Snowden was one of the earliest and most devoted friends of the College. Col. Forbes was one of our most liberal benefactors; and Judge Sayre one of the most active and efficient members of the Board—deeply interested in the welfare of the institution—devoted to its principles, and ever ready to make sacrifices to serve it. He was the acting Chairman of the Board at the time of his death, in the absence of the President from the country. In the loss of such instrumentalities, we would learn the lesson to “Do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do.”

The whole number of Students during the Scholastic year, lately closed, was 99—of whom 69 were members of the College proper.—The late Senior Class consisted of 23—of whom, 21 received regular Diplomas, and 2 received certificates of proficiency in the Irregular Course of Study, provided for by the laws. Of the late Graduates, we are happy to learn that some nine or ten are to be employed as teachers; and a considerable number are looking forward to the Christian Ministry. It is gratifying to know that our Institution is doing so much for the important work of training educated teachers—a feature of our work which is, by no means, properly appreciated. And it certainly must be gratifying to every friend of Zion, in this time of alarming dearth in the supply of Ministers, to see so many candidates for the holy office issuing from the walls of this favoured fountain of piety.

We learn from the Faculty, that the College year has been one of uninterrupted order and attention to study. Though the year has not been marked by such signal spiritual influences as some that have preceded, yet it has been blessed with some rich tokens of mercy from Heaven, and a number of the young men have been hopefully converted.

The following statement will present to the Synods the present condition of the funds of the Institution :

In addition to the Buildings and Land belonging to the College, which were estimated by the last Report, as valued at.....	\$57,500 00
The Georgia Professorship, consisting of Stocks, Bonds, Notes and Subscriptions considered good, amounts to	23,302 00
Carolina Professorship,.....	25,900 76

Alabama Professorship, of which we have had no official report for two years, portions of which were believed not to be available,..... 25,000 00

Total of Professorships,..... \$74,202 76

The Georgia Funds are invested in the following form, viz:

5 Six per cent. Bonds of \$500 each,.....	\$2,500
1 Share Georgia Rail Road Stock,.....	100
10 Shares Milledgeville and Gordon R. R. Stock,.....	1,000
1 Muscogee R. R. Bond,.....	500
1 City of Savannah Bond,.....	500

Total,..... \$4,600

Notes reported as good in Judge Sayre's Report of last year, 13,002

Subscriptions considered as good,..... 3,900

New Orleans Subscription unpaid,..... 1,800

Total,..... \$23,302

Dr. Howe has furnished the following statement of the condition of the Carolina fund, viz :

I would respectfully present the following statement of the condition of the South-Carolina Professorship to the Board of Oglethorpe University.

OLD FUND.

16 Georgia 6 per cent. Bonds,	\$4,000 00
Charleston (new) Bank Stock,	282 00
Daniel, Walton, and Cunningham's Notes, each of \$500,	1,500 00
Amount of R. Chamberlain's order on J. W. Davis,	783 85
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	\$6,555 85
Collected by Committee on old Notes,	2,272 00
Add (in hands of J. R. Blake, Agent,) proceeds of Lauderdale's Notes, less for services,	48 00
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	\$2,320 00
Due on old Notes of donors (including \$46 doubtful, and not including \$395 bad,)	4,762 50
Old Subscriptions not collected, but believed good,	330 00
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	\$13,968 35

NEW FUND.

Collected in Presbytery of South-Carolina,	\$3,425 71
Collected in Presbytery of Harmony,	3,240 50

Collected in Presbytery of Charleston,	2,911 50	
	<hr/>	\$9,577 71
Subscriptions in Presbytery of South-Carolina, not yet paid, say	\$ 422 70	
Subscriptions in Presbytery of Harmony, not yet paid, say	1,642 00	
Subscriptions in Presbytery of Charleston, not yet paid,	290 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,354 70
Total New Fund,		11,932 41
Add Old Fund,		13,968 35
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		\$25,900 76

The above statements are according to the best of my knowledge. The amount of unpaid subscriptions in the Presbytery of South Carolina may exceed the sum mentioned above. In the process of collections, the several sums are constantly changing their form, and absolute accuracy is not attainable yet. The sum total above given is probably not larger than the truth. All sums received by the Committee, the disposal of which is not otherwise described, are in the hands of James Adger & Co. of Charleston, drawing interest at 7 per cent.

CONTINGENT FUND.

CREDITOR.

Receipts of interest since March 12, 1852,	\$1,583 19
Borrowed from Permanent Fund,	239 59
The coupons of Georgia Bonds, January 1, 1854, anticipated,	120 00
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	\$1,942 78

DEBTOR.

To various expenses of voluntary agencies, postage, circulars, and discount on uncurrent money,	\$ 95 55
Refunded to Mr. Chamberlain, March 12, 1852,	29 75
Remitted to Prof. Lane, last year's salary,	1,177 38
Paid J. R. Blake, for services as Agent,	400 00
Balance this day remitted to C. W. Lane,	241 18
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	\$1,942 78

One Hundred Dollars are yet due to our Agent, J. R. Blake.

GEO. HOWE,

Chairman Com. of Synod of South-Carolina

on the Oglethorpe Endowment.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, }
July 13th, 1853. }

The Board of Trustees would farther report that they have elected Mr. James Woodrow to the vacant Chair of "Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Geology and Botany." Mr. Woodrow consented to enter at once on the discharge of his duties at the request of the Executive Committee, before his election was confirmed by the Synods, as his services were greatly needed. He has fully sustained the high recommendations he brought to us as a finished scholar and a successful instructor. The Board ask from the Synods a confirmation of his election.

Important additions have been made during the year to the Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus. A valuable Telescope, of large capacity, has also been added to the Astronomical Department.

About 50 volumes have lately been presented by Congress and the Smithsonian Institute to our Library, containing valuable public documents and expensive scientific works.

The sums now due by the University are,

To Dr. Talmage, for Salary unpaid,.....	\$1,700
To Prof. Woodrow, for Salary unpaid,.....	300

Most of the Students being on Scholarships, the income of Tuition during the year, amounted to but a little over \$400. The Resolution of Synod calling on the Churches to take up annual collections for contingent expenses, resulted in the collection of \$400. Besides this a small donation of \$200, was forwarded to our Treasurer from the Assembly's Board of Education.

Our investments in bonds and stocks will yield us for the next year only the amount of \$298.

The income of notes and open subscriptions, scattered over a large territory, is a very uncertain source of revenue.

The Board are looking for an active Agent to collect the notes and subscriptions, and to increase the subscriptions. Mr. Chamberlain, our late laborious and valuable General Agent, has felt compelled to resign his agency from the infirm state of his health.

We herewith offer to the Synod a consolidated statement of the Treasurer's accounts, which have been audited by the Executive Committee, and found accurate.

The following members of the Board go out of office at this time, by expiration of their time of service, or by death or removal:

In Georgia.—John S. Wilson, D. D.; F. Bowman, D. D.; D. C. Campbell, William Terrell, M. D.; William Forbes, B. F. Jordan.

Also the place of W. Baird, (removed from the State,) is to be filled for one year, and that of Hon. N. C. Sayre, (deceased,) for two years.

In South Carolina.—S. Donnelly, W. H. Davis, E. Cater, D. McQueen, J. B. Adger, G. T. Snowden.

In Alabama.—J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.; A. A. Porter, R. H. Chapman, D. Chandler, R. T. Knott, G. S. Walden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. HENRY LUMPKIN, Chairman.

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